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Executive Summary

The Fort Hood Land Management System (LMS) Military Field Application In-progress Review (IPR) was held March 10-11, 1999 at the Park Inn International Hotel in Killeen, TX. The objective of the IPR was bring to one location the key personnel involved with each Fort Hood Military Field Application project to discuss the progress of each effort, identify required relationships between projects, and solicit input from potential users of the resulting products.

In general, the meeting was very informative and gave participants a better understanding of the current Land Management System initiative. A number of technological concerns and unresolved issues were identified. The project investigators are addressing these issues for each individual project. Specific issues of concern include the need for better communication and interaction among project personnel, better dissemination of information about LMS, and an LMS user advisory committee.

Foreword

This study was conducted for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Research and Development Directorate, which established the LMS Special Project Office in March, 1997. The proponents are Dr. Lewis E. Link, Director of Research and Development for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (CERD-Z), and Dr. Donald Levernz, Deputy Director of CERD.

The work was performed by the Ecological Processes Branch CN-N of the Installations Division, Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (CERL). The CERL Principal Investigator was Alan B. Anderson. Portions of this work were completed by Richard Duncan and Lisa Garrett, Sam Houston State University. Dr. Harold E. Balbach is Branch Chief, CECER-CN-N, and Dr. John T. Bandy is Division Chief, CECER-CN. The technical editor was Gloria J. Wienke, Information Technology Laboratory.

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1 Introduction

Background

The Land Management System

The Land Management System (LMS) is an initiative of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC) focused on improving landscape analysis and landscape management capabilities in several of the Corps of Engineers major mission areas. These mission areas include the U.S. Army Civil Works programs (navigation, flood control, water supply and quality, recreation, etc.), military installations operations and management (specifically military land management), and military engineering and terrain related operations (trafficability analysis, military hydrology, littoral operations, line-of-site analysis, etc.).

The purpose of LMS is to provide relevant science, tools, and information to land and water resource managers and decisionmakers with the goal of enhancing their ability to understand and communicate past, current, and potential impacts of management actions on land and water resources. LMS was established, in part, to improve synergism in technology development across each of these mission areas, to improve USACE's and the Department of Defense's (DoD's) ability to represent landscape processes and features, and forecast future landscape conditions, based upon alternative scenarios.

The LMS Initiative had its roots in a study initiated in autumn 1995 related to modeling and simulation capabilities developed or used by the Corps of Engineers, related to landscape or geoprocesses. After this study, the Director of Research and Development, in consultation with laboratory directors and others, decided to establish the LMS Initiative.

To accomplish the goals of LMS, a Special Project Office for LMS was established, with representatives from most of the ERDC Laboratories, the Hydrologic Engineering Center of the Water Resources Support Center, and several Corps of Engineer Districts. The project director, associate directors, and the various organizational representatives comprise the LMS Development Team. Researchers throughout the ERDC laboratories (and their partners) form work teams to per-

form specific tasks associated with LMS; these efforts are dovetailed into numerous existing technology programs.

Plans for the LMS Initiative are available (and updated) on the LMS website (<http://denix.cecer.army.mil/denix/DOD/Working/LMS/lms.html>) under the Defense Environmental Network Information eXchange (DENIX). The following text summarizes the Fort Hood LMS Military Field Application. For more information please see the ERDC/CERL Technical Report 99/60, *Plans for the Land Management System (LMS) Initiative* on the LMS website.

The LMS Field Application Program

The LMS Field Application Program has four major purposes:

1. To provide problem-solving and partnering relations between the Corps of Engineers scientists, technology developers, and interested and innovative landscape/natural resource managers in USACE's major mission areas.
2. To provide site-specific and problem-specific input into the design of LMS2000 functional capabilities.
3. To provide technology test environments where scientists, technology developers, and resource managers/analysts together can tackle issues, test solutions, adjust approaches, capture costs and benefits, and "demonstrate" the results to interested parties.
4. To provide a framework for planning the transfer of LMS technology to land/water resource managers, both at the host sites for demonstrations and at other similar sites.

Field application sites were selected based on the following criteria:

1. Interest from land/water resources managers in infusing new capabilities into their business practices, and developing collaborative partnerships with scientists and technology providers.
2. Representative land/water resource management issues – such as high levels of use, sensitive resources, competing multiple uses and stakeholders, and other problems and issues identified by user groups as important.
3. Importance of the site or problem set to the mission.

4. Support and concurrence for LMS Field Applications not only at the local level, but also from across the organizational management.
5. Synergism with existing programs/efforts.

Dr. John Barko serves as the LMS Field Application Program Director. In addition, there is a Field Application Site Coordinator for each site, and a user point of contact.

The original sites selected for field applications were Fort Hood, TX and the Upper Mississippi River System (UMRS), with three locations in the Upper Mississippi River Basin: Redwood Basin, along the Minnesota River in southern Minnesota; Pool 8 on the Mississippi River near LaCrosse, WI; and Peoria Lakes on the Illinois River at Peoria, IL. In 1998, plans were developed to add the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center at 29 Palms, California as an additional military installation site.

The Fort Hood LMS Military Field Application Site

A workshop was held at Fort Hood, TX during September 1997 to identify and prioritize land/water resource management issues at this site. A site plan was then developed and projects initiated to address these plans. Reviews are scheduled regularly for activities at this site

Fort Hood is the only post in the United States capable of stationing and training two Armored Divisions. Fort Hood is approximately 340 square miles (217,337 acres). The rolling, semiarid terrain is ideal for multifaceted training and testing of military units and individuals. Fort Hood is "The Army's Premier Installation to train and deploy heavy forces." Fort Hood is residence for the Headquarters Command III Corps. III Corps major units are the 1st Cavalry Division, 4th Infantry Division, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, the III Corps Artillery, and the 13th Corps Support Command.

Some of the enduring land and resource management issues that Fort Hood faces are monitoring the impacts that training has on Threatened and Endangered Species (TES) populations and testing TES population viability under alternative land management strategies. Land managers are also responsible for ensuring sustained usefulness of the training areas by minimizing sediment runoff. Land managers need to know estimates of erosion potential, trafficability problems, and flooding hazards in order to ensure safe and excellent training today while making sure that future training will be accommodated on the same landscape.

The Fort Hood Site Coordinator is Alan Anderson. The Fort Hood Host Site POC is Emmet Gray.

LMS Field Application Program Transitions

The field application program for LMS both shapes the development of new LMS capabilities and tests these capabilities to help solve resource management and landscape analysis problems in the field. The field application efforts provide opportunities to test, evaluate, modify, and document how LMS capabilities help to address specific user problems and how LMS results and capabilities fit into decision processes at user sites.

Field Application Site In-progress Reviews (IPRs) are designed to ensure that the stages of evaluation, modification, and documentation are fulfilled. These reviews also allow other interested parties to look over the shoulders of those involved at the host site and evaluate the value of applying LMS investments and results at other sites.

Objectives

The objective of this project was to bring key personnel involved with each Fort Hood Land Management System Military Field Application project to one location to discuss the progress of each effort, identify the relationships between projects, and solicit input from potential users of the resulting products. This report documents the IPR, user recommendations, and post-IPR follow-on actions.

Approach

An In-progress Review workshop was held March 10-11, 1999 at the Park Inn International Hotel in Killeen, Texas. The IPR consisted of presentations on LMS and individual projects. Following project presentations, input from installation, MACOM, and HQDA personnel was obtained. Following the meeting, user input was discussed and actions were defined to address each issue. Results of the IPR are documented in this report to ensure project improvements and adjustments occur and to assist with the next IPR.

Scope

The Fort Hood Land Management System Military Field Application In-progress Review only addresses projects associated with the Fort Hood LMS Military Field Application. This report does not attempt to address projects and issues associated with the other military and civil works LMS field applications. However, lessons learned from the Fort Hood field application will be made available to the other field applications.

Mode of Technology Transfer

This report documents the presentations and discussions of the Fort Hood LMS Military Field Application IPR. Technical concerns and unresolved issues associated with individual projects are being addressed by the project investigators on an individual project basis.

2 Fort Hood LMS Military Demonstration In-progress Review Agenda

The agenda for the Fort Hood Land Management System Military Demonstration FY99 In-progress Review is provided below.

March 10, 1999

8:15-8:45	Introduction – Richard Duncan Introduce participants Distribute attendance sheet Objectives of meeting
8:45-9:45	General LMS – Bill Goran Background Overview Current direction Fort Hood and LMS Goals/objectives of Fort Hood demos
9:45-10:00	Break
10:00-11:00	QA/QC Procedures for ITAM Data – Kelly Dilks, Doug Johnston, Paul Sovelius
11:00-12:00	TES Habitat Modeling – Anne-Marie Trame
12:00-13:15	Lunch Break
13:15-14:45	Land Based Carrying Capacity Demonstration – David Price, Pat Guertin, Scott Tweddale, Dick Gebhart, Alan Anderson, Kim Michaels
14:45-15:00	Break
15:00-16:00	Vegetation Mapping – Paul Loechl, Jean O'Neil, Michael Warnock, Paul Hardwick
16:00-17:00	Carrying Capacity – Alan Anderson

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8:15-9:15	WIARS – Jaimie Hebert, Scott Tweddale
9:15-10:15	Stream Stage Modeling – Jeff Jorgeson, Mark Leipnik, Alan Anderson
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-11:30	Web Based Courses – James Carter, Nelda Volk
11:30-12:45	Lunch Break
12:45-13:45	Fort Hood Feedback Specific projects General direction of Fort Hood military demo Future direction Prioritization of future projects
1:45-2:00	Break
14:00-15:00	Input from Other Participating Organizations FORSCOM Other participants
15:00-16:00	IPR Conclusion – Bill Goran

3 Fort Hood LMS Military Demonstration In-progress Review Attendees

The following individuals attended the Fort Hood Land Management System Military Demonstration FY99 In-progress Review.

ATTENDEE	ORGANIZATION
Alan Anderson	USACERL
Bill Goran	USACERL
John Barko	USACE-WES-EB-E
Paul Thies	USAEC
Hal Balbach	USACERL
Emmett Gray	Fort Hood
Jaimie Hebert	TRIES, SHSU
Anne-Marie Trame	USACERL
Nelda Volk	EARC
Kelly Dilks	USACERL
Jim Carter	TRIES, SHSU
Justin Williams	TRIES, SHSU
Ted Reid	FORSCOM
Pat Guertin	USACERL
Leslie Winters	ATSC
Laura Sanchez	TNC
Brett Russell	Fort Bliss
Ron Rowland	DCOE, Ft. Hood
Paul Sovelius	TRIES, SHSU
Doug Johnston	University of Illinois
David Price	USACERL
Jeff Jorgeson	WES
Kim Michaels	USACE
Malcolm Boswell	TRADOC
Tony Palazzo	USACERL
Wade West	WES
Tim Buchanan	Fort Hood
John Schrader	Fort Hood
Homer Sanchez	NRCS
Don Jones	Fort Hood
Dalton Murz	NRCS -USDA
Roger Hamilton	WES
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Jerry Paruzinski	Ft. Hood ITAM
Dalton Burke	USDA
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Lisa Garrett	TRIES, SHSU

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Dick Gebhart
Jason Walters
Dennis Hoffman
Monty Dozier
Steve Sekscienski
Colonel Walter
Jerry Thompson
Fredrich Schrank
Dick Strimel
June Wolfe, III
Tom Macia

TRIES, SHSU
TRIES, SHSU
USATEC
USACERL
Fort Hood
TAES/TAEX
TAEX/NRCS
USAEC
USARMY-ERDC
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USDA NRCS
Ft. Sam Houston/Camp Bullis
Texas Agriculture Experiment Station
ODCSOPS

4 Fort Hood LMS Military Field Application In-progress Review Summary Comments and Responses

The following pages summarize comments provided by participants in the Fort Hood LMS Military Demonstration IPR. Each participant was asked to provide comments on specific projects, general direction of Fort Hood military demonstration, future direction, and prioritization of future projects. Along with each comment is a summary of the LMS response and tasks derived from the user input.

Number	Organization	Comment	Response
1	Fort Hood	Fort Hood requires something similar to ATTACC but which includes other stressors such as fire and cattle. Fort Hood needs to be able to assess grazing rotation plans on military carrying capacity.	Concur. Issue of multiple use carrying capacity is being forwarded to the Army Conservation Technology Team because the carrying capacity user requirement is being redrafted. CTT leadership has been informed of the issue. However, some LMS projects like EDYS provide the underlying technologies partially required to address this issue.
2	Fort Hood	Some projects like the QAQC effort are being done by LMS and Fort Hood separately. Need improved coordination to ensure that there is not duplication of effort.	Concur. LMS project principal investigators will keep all three primary Fort Hood POCs informed of project status. Primary Fort Hood POCs are Mr. Gray, Mr. Cornelliuss, and Mr. Paruzinski.
3	Fort Hood	The IPR was worthwhile to disseminate information to installation POCs.	Concur. No response required.
4	Fort Hood	Need an evaluation of hyperspectral imagery appli-	Mr. Goran will forward to three Fort Hood

		cations in support of installation natural resources management. Fort Hood needs to know what information is available and which information can support land management issues.	POCs information on TEC's hyperspectral library. The WIARS team will also be provided this information.
5	Fort Hood	Need tank trail dust control alternatives to existing maintenance practices.	Concur. The new user requirement in compliance may address this issue. Issue will be communicated to Army Compliance Technology Team.
6	Fort Hood	Need management strategies for existing TES set aside lands. Need to be able to manage set aside lands for management objectives.	Concur. Issue needs more dialogue from Fort Hood POCs to more clearly define the issue. However this issue could evolve into a future LMS project. Ms. Trame and Mr. Price are tasked to pursue this topic.
7	Fort Hood	Need better coordination with Fort Hood's primary POCs. Need to keep everyone aware of the big picture by keeping everyone updated on each project.	Concur. See response item 2.
8	Fort Hood	Resolution of vegetation mapping effort needs to be resolved.	Concur. Mr. Loechl tasked to address this issue with Fort Hood POCs.
9	Fort Hood	Source of imagery for vegetation mapping effort needs to be resolved.	Concur. Mr. Loechl tasked to address this issue with Fort Hood POCs.
10	Fort Hood	LMS needs to be more integrated to match its mission statement.	Concur. See response item 2. Future LMS efforts at Fort Hood will focus more on integration as the demonstration project evolves and matures.
11	FORSCOM	Need better coordination, cooperation, interaction between individual projects and project managers.	Concur. See response item 2.

12	FORSCOM	Need standard protocols for fielding LMS technologies	Concur. A key goal of LMS is consistent delivery of technology to the user community. A new effort at Fort Hood will address model validation protocols preceding fielding.
13	FORSCOM	Research needs to address future doctrine (activities and systems) not just existing doctrine. Need to keep current with Army XXI initiatives.	Concur.
14	FORSCOM	Need to do a better job of disseminating information about LMS. Need a clearly defined objectives, products, and approaches.	Concur. A report titled <i>Plans for the Land Management System (LMS) Initiative</i> is in draft form and should be published by late spring. This information will be available on the LMS website. (http://denix.cecer.army.mil/denix/DOD/Working/LMS/lms.html) under the Defense Environmental Network Information eXchange (DENIX). (Mr. Goran)
15	FORSCOM	Need a LMS field advisory group that meets regularly to broaden applicability of LMS investment.	Concur. Recommendations for LMS advisory forums are being presented to CERD at the July 99 LMS review (Mr. Goran)
16	FORSCOM	Need to protect military information as LMS makes disseminating information easier.	Concur. LMS protocols will not define access to installation information or how that information is disseminated. Control of information will remain with the installation following MACOM/Service guidance.
17	FORSCOM	Need to field more user friendly software and tools.	Concur. This is a key goal of LMS.
18	FORSCOM	Need to address how much of a solution is required to	Concur. Affordability is a concern in designing

		solve a problem. The cost of the solution must be balanced with the benefit to the Army.	and prioritizing projects and in transferring results.
19	FORSCOM	Need to involve military trainers into the research program.	Concur.
20	FORSCOM	Need to include noise land management issues into LMS. Need to investigate cumulative noise models to make tools more applicable to military land management problems.	Concur. Will attempt to resource integration of noise models and LMS in FY2000 program. (Mr. Goran)
21	ODCSOPS	Information about LMS needs to more clearly explained and effectively disseminated. Need to clearly articulate objectives, purpose, and products.	Concur. See item 14 response.
22	ODCSOPS	Need to look at maturity of LMS technologies before they are fielded and incorporated into user products.	Concur. A validation protocol along with demonstrations should help ensure product maturity.
23	ODCSOPS	Research community needs to provide relevant information to prioritize what non-training impacts/stressors are most critical to quantify/model on military installations.	This issue is best handled through the Army Conservation Technology Team prioritization process.
24	ODCSOPS	LMS needs to address how much standardization is required/desired for LMS to be successfully implemented. How will LMS be successfully implemented to meet both Army wide standardization requirements and installation unique solution requirements.	Concur. LMS projects are selected to respond to Army wide issues. Solutions are intended to be for Army wide implementation with the least possible adaptation required. This does vary from project to project.
25	ODCSOPS	Army training simulations are in three domains: 1) Live, 2) Virtual, and 3) Constructive. Live simulations enhance training with live soldiers on the ground. An example is MILES. Vir-	Concur. The NSC will be contacted. (Mr. Anderson)

		<p>tual simulations replicate weapons with live soldiers in a virtual environment. An example is Close Combat Tactical Trainer (CCTT). Constructive simulation replaces units, weapons, and terrain with war-gaming. An example is Janus. Constructive simulation tools are what is required to model military training footprints. Land carrying capacity should access constructive simulations only. The combat developer for the Army's family of constructive simulations is the National Simulation Center (NSC) at Fort Leavenworth. CERL should consider the following constructive simulations: 1) Janus, 2) BBS and 3) CBS.</p>	
26	ODCSOPS	<p>The Center for Army Lessons Learned (CALL), also at Fort Leavenworth, archives AARs from the Army's Combat Training Centers (CTC). Some of these AARs may contain digitized files from CTCs showing actual unit maneuver patterns for various missions within CTC rotations.</p>	<p>Concur. The CALL will be contacted. (Mr. Anderson)</p>
27	ODCSOPS	<p>The army environmental research community must hire a military subject matter expert (SME) to help translate the military doctrine to the researchers. Such an SME should be a combat arms officer with experience with constructive simulation use.</p>	<p>Concur.</p>
28	ATSC	<p>Need installation advisory group to ensure broader Army relevance.</p>	<p>Concur. See response to item 15.</p>

29	ATSC	ATSC is encourage by the training distribution modeling but would like more involvement in the process. Better guidance/procedures are required for developing and implementing training distribution models.	Concur. ATSC will be kept informed of project efforts. Guidance will be developed. (Mr. Guertin)
30	ATSC	LMS needs to be better interfaced with RFMSS. LMS needs to address the implementation windows and time frame constraints associated with the RFMSS development process.	Concur. A new project has been initiated to address this issue. (Mr. Anderson)
31	ATSC	Need to better disseminate details of LMS components to user communities.	Concur. See response to item 14.
32	AEC	LMS needs to coordinate efforts with Signal Command.	Concur. The Signal Command will be contacted. (Mr. Goran)
33	AEC	AEC needs to know where LMS projects are going to be able to estimate and allocate funding for AEC's Conservation Technology Team (CTT) responsibilities. AEC is responsible for validating, demonstrating, and transferring conservation related technologies.	Concur. This issue is being address through the Army Conservation Technology Team process. A team consisting of Mr. Theis, Mr. Goran, Ms. Dilks, and Ms. Michaels are addressing this issue.
34	Fort Bliss	LMS needs to address if integrating old models is efficient and if integrated models give significantly better results than using models that are not fully integrated.	Concur. This is not an easy issue to address. However, LMS is collaborating with the University of Illinois on a SERDP funded project that is attempting to partially address this issue. This project is using a number of the models being incorporated into LMS. The project is looking at the uncertainty of model predictions, sources of errors, and how these errors propagate through models.

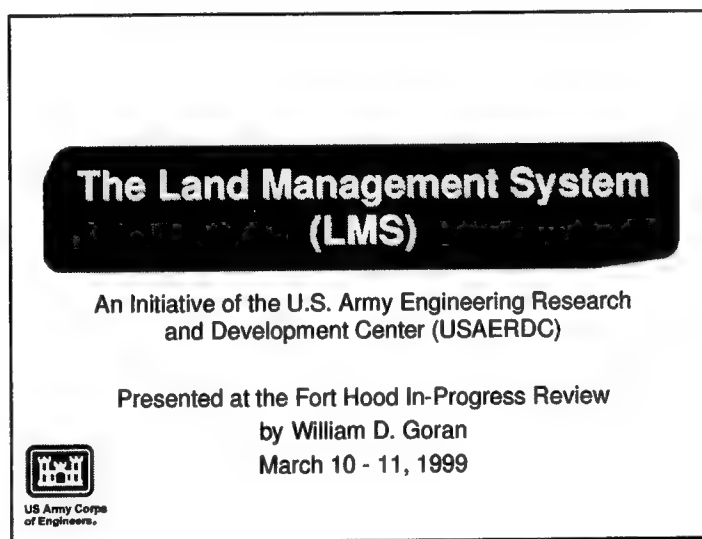
35	Fort Bliss	LMS needs to look at cumulative impacts/stressors.	Concur. This is a key driver for LMS.
36	Fort Bliss	User needs may be more for easier interfaces to existing products than for improved technologies.	Concur. This is a key driver for LMS.
37	Fort Bliss	Resources to support LMS type tools are often difficult for installations to acquire. LMS may need to address this issue if LMS is to be successfully implemented.	Concur. This is a key drive for LMS.
38	TRADOC	Need a systems approach to LMS. Individual research efforts need to be more tightly integrated.	Concur. See response to item 10.
39	TRADOC	Need a clearer definition of what LMS is.	Concur. See response to item 14.
40	TRADOC	LMS needs to be careful that research does not lead to a higher standard of compliance that military installations must adhere to.	Site instrumentation at Fort Hood is focused on technology testing and verification. It is not intended as a template for other installations, nor should such instrumentation "raise the bar" for regulatory requirements.

Appendix: Fort Hood LMS Military Demonstration In-progress Review Project Presentations

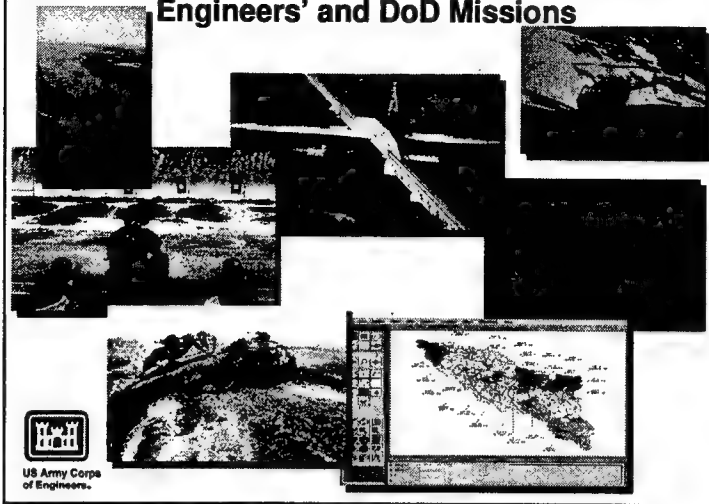
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General LMS

Presenter: Bill Goran



Common Ground Issues Across the Corps of Engineers' and DoD Missions



Military Installation Land Management

- Training Lands Management
- Contaminated Site Cleanup
- Testing Ranges
- Integrated Resources Planning
- Noise Propagation Management
- Installation Ecosystems Management
- Land Rehabilitation

Military Analysis of Landscapes

- Chemical/Biological Threat Assessment
- Trafficability Analysis
- Military Littoral Operations
- Military Hydrology Analysis
- Obstacle Analysis

Army Civil Works Operations

- Wetland Permit Evaluations
- Coastal Zone Management
- Watershed Management
- Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration
- Dredging Operations Management
- Multiple Use Planning

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- Over 25 Different Technology Programs
- 150 - 200 Million/Year in Technology Investments



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LMS Objectives

- Build a Capability that Serves Multiple Application Domains Related to Land and Water Resource Management and Analysis
- More Bang for the Buck Between Corps of Engineers Technology Programs and Across DoD Technology Programs (greater interoperability of technology products)
- Improve System for Delivery of Computer-Based Technology Products (reduce end users and support organizations costs)
- Creation of Network of Testing and Demonstration Facilities with Field Instrumentation, Repositories of Data, Site POCs, Collaboration Across Multiple Research Efforts, and Planning and Review Processes



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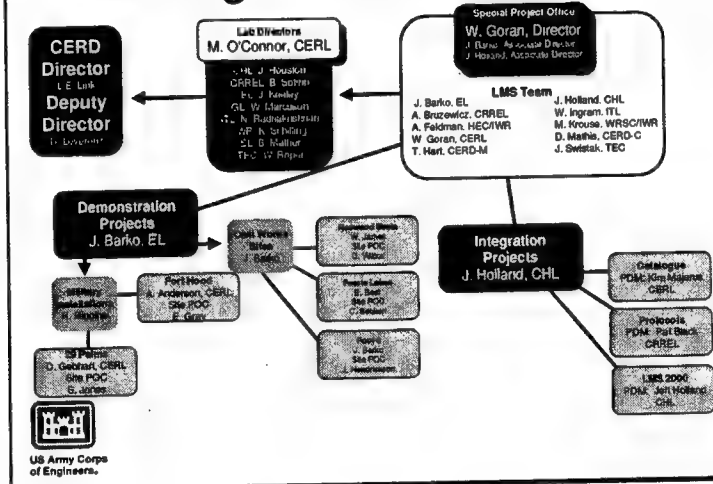
LMS Background Studies

- 1995 Defense Science Board Report on Modeling and Simulation in Environmental Quality
- 1994-1995 Corps of Engineers Lab Committee on Cross-Connections Between Civil Works and Military Conservation Technology Programs (W. Severinghaus, CERL; R. Engler, WES-EL)
- 1995-1996 Corps of Engineers Lab Committee on Land Modeling and Simulation Opportunities/ Technologies in Civil Works, Military Land Management and Military Hydrology (D. Tazik, CERL; R. Price, WES-EL)
- Dec. 1996 Committee Brief Findings -- Recommendation for Starting LMS Initiative



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LMS Organizational Approach



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Customer Input

- Customer Advisory Board (being formed)
 - Advice on overall initiative
- Configuration Control Board
 - Manage system
- Demonstration Site Plans and IPRs
 - Host sites and proponent organizations



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LMS Chronology of Events

- March 1997
- May 1997
- June 1997
- Summer 1997
- September 1997
- October 1997
- LMS Special Project Office Created
- Transition Meeting from Tazik/Price Committee to Special Project Office
- In Progress Review
 - Plan for LMS to include integration and demonstration components
 - Selections for first demos sites
- Coordination with AEC on Suite of Demos -- Carrying Capacity Related
- Workshops Held in La Crosse, WI and Killeen, TX
- SERDP and DoD High Performance Computing Program Fund Creation of LMS Pilot and Software Evaluation Effort
- Civil Works geospatial funds catalog effort



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LMS Chronology of Events

- November 1997
- February 1998
- March 1998
- In-Progress Review
 - Results of workshops reviewed
 - Projects identified at demo sites
 - Concept for use of Congressional funds at Military Demo briefed
- Ft. Hood LMS POC (E. Gray) visits CERL and reviews and helps prioritize demo projects
- In-Progress Review for LMS Investment Strategy Briefed and Approved, Including use of Congressional Computer-Based Land Management Resources



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LMS Chronology of Events

- June 1998
- July 1998
- Aug/Sept 1998
- November 1998
- Oct/Nov/Dec 1998
- In-Progress Review for LMS (La Crosse, WI)
 - Fort Hood projects defined and briefed.
 - Hood IPR proposed
 - 29 Palms proposed as demo site
 - Upper Miss status reviewed. Tour of Pool 8
- Web-Based GIS Installed (UI/CERL) at Hood
- Computer-Based Land Management Projects Contracted for Start
- LMS System Pilot (DC)
- Project Planning and Initiation. IPR Date Sought.



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Resources for LMS

- Army Military
 - Military Hydrology
 - Risk Assessment
 - Environmental Quality
 - Computer-based Land Management (98,99)
 - Terrain Analysis
- Army Civil Works
 - Civil Works Geospatial
 - Civil Works Planning
 - Civil Works Hydrology
 - Civil Works Environmental Quality



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LMS Integration Projects

- LMS Catalog
- LMS Protocols
- LMS 2000



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LMS Catalog



Documenting All Our Computer-based Tools



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On-Line Catalog

<http://owwww.cecer.army.mil/II/landsimsurvey/homepage.html>

Land Management Model Catalog

Demo Site

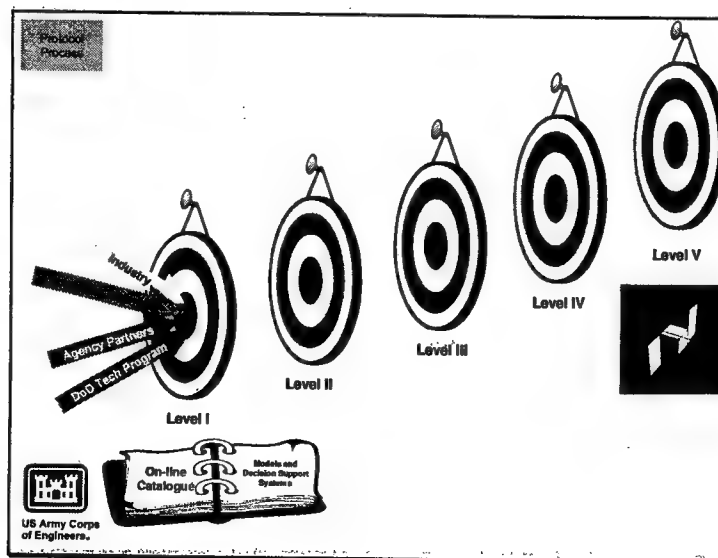
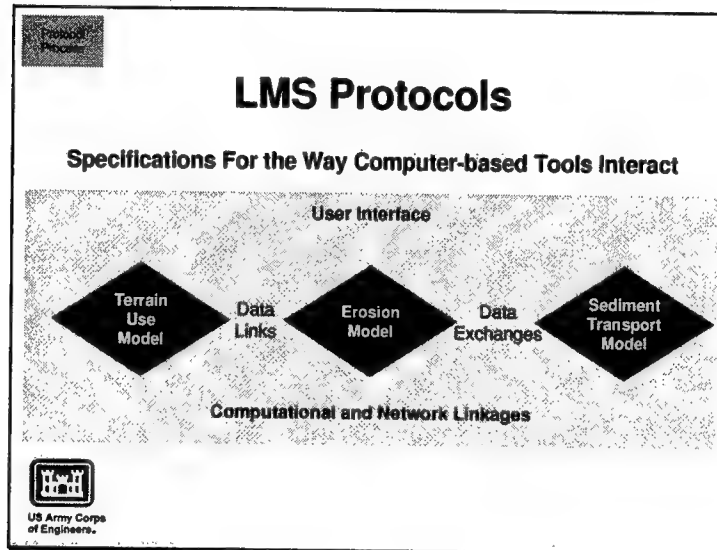
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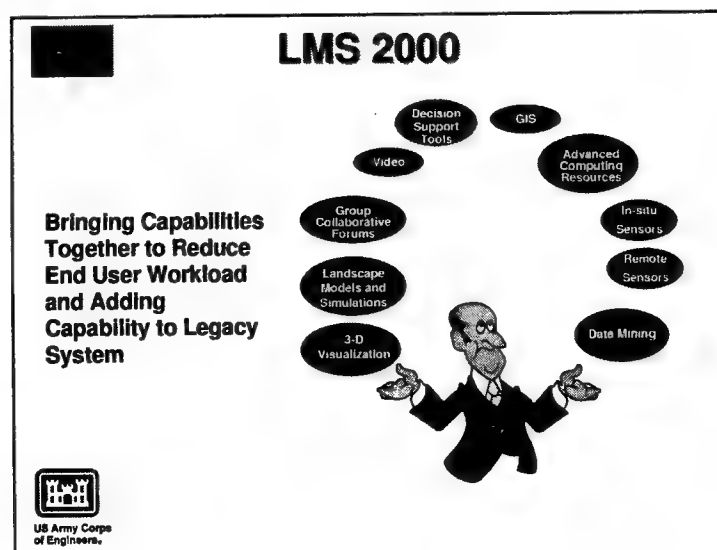
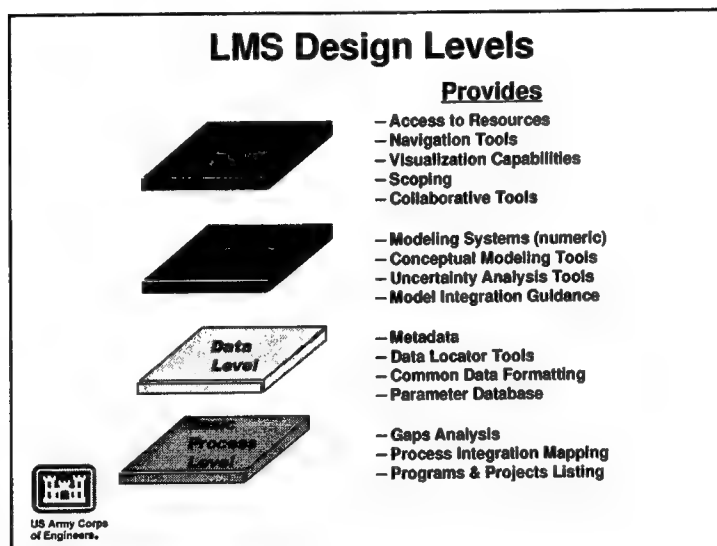
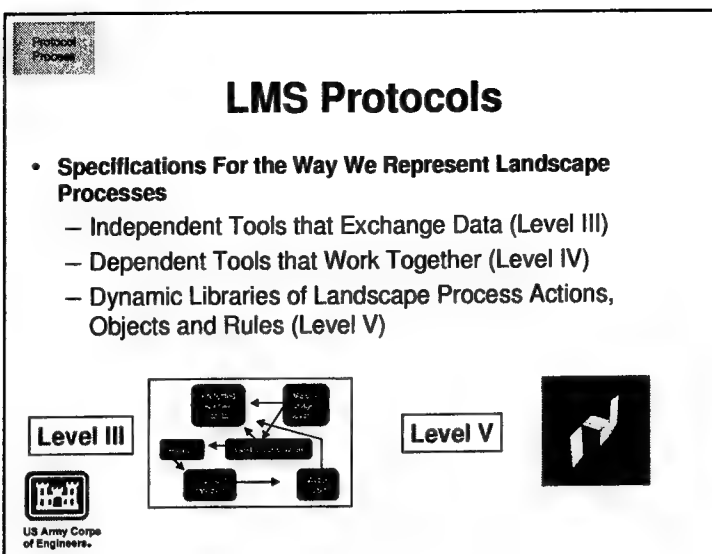
Register

Survey Data

Find Models

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Purpose of Demonstration Program

- Provide Problem Solving and Partnering Relations Between the Corps of Engineers Scientists, Technology Developers and Landscape/ Natural Resource Managers
- Provide Site-specific and Problem-specific Input into the Design of LMS 2000 Functional Capabilities
- Provide Technology Test Environments to Tackle Issues, Test Solutions, Adjust Approaches, Capture Costs and Benefits and "Demonstrate" the Results
- Provide a Framework for Planning the Transfer of LMS Technology to Land/Water Resource Managers



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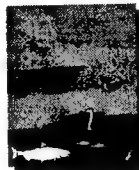
The Upper Mississippi River System Demonstration Project



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Upper Mississippi LMS Demonstrations

**Spatial
Evaluations of
Aquatic Habitat
Conditions**



**Development and
Evaluation of
Habitat Restoration
Alternatives**



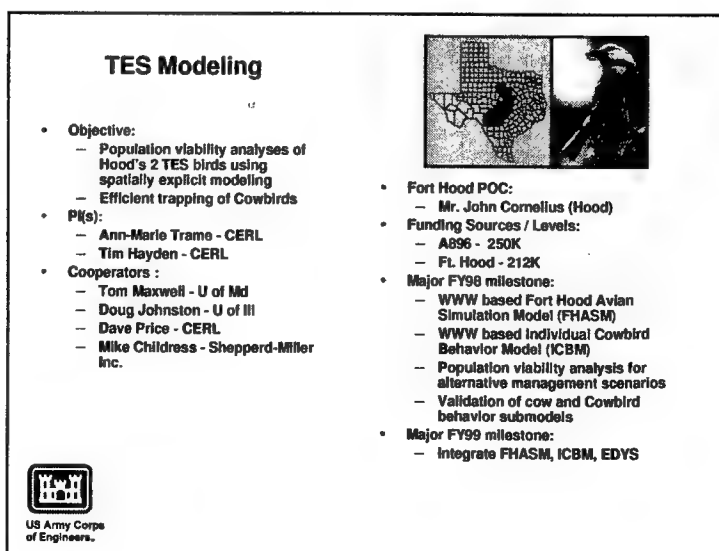
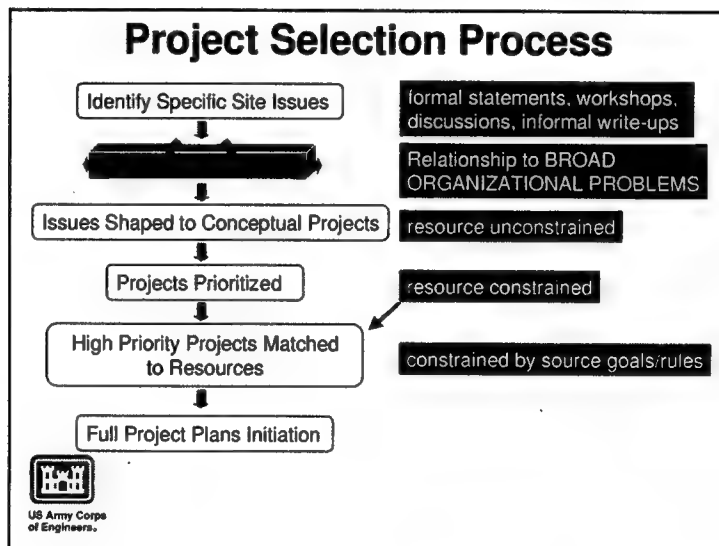
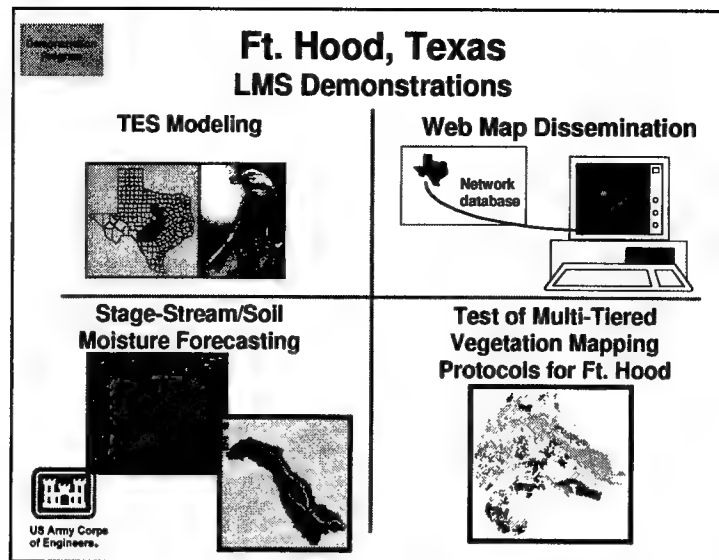
**Ecosystem Management In
Context of Project O&M**



Watershed Management



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LBCC DemVal

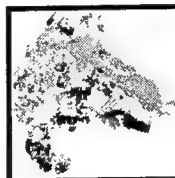
- Objective:
 - Demonstration and validation of land based carrying capacity (LBCC) technologies
 - LS (RUSLE topography factor)
 - C (RUSLE vegetative factor)
 - T (rainfall distribution)
 - EDYS (community succession)
- PI(s):
 - Alan Anderson (CERL)
 - Dave Price (CERL)
 - Pat Guertin (CERL)
 - Scott Tweddle (CERL)
- Cooperators:
 - Shepperd-Miller Inc.
 - Terry McLendon
 - Mike Childress
 - U of Ill
 - Helena Mitsova
- Fort Hood POC:
 - Jerry Paruzinski (ITAM)
- Fort Bliss POC:
 - Brett Russell
- Funding Sources / Levels:
 - AEC - \$380K
- Major FY98 milestone:
 - Field studies established
- Major FY99 milestone:
 - C and distribution validated



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Test of Multi-Tiered Vegetation Mapping Protocols for Ft. Hood

- Objective:
 - Develop a vegetation hierarchical prototype using Fort Hood as a test case
 - Develop a Fort Hood Vegetation Map
- PI(s):
 - Paul Loechl (CERL)
 - Jean O'Neill (WES)
- Contractor:
 - Texas Regional Institute for Environmental Studies
- Fort Hood POC:
 - Dennis Herbert (Hood) and Laura Sanchez (TNC)
- Interagency working group:
 - NBS/NPS Vegetation Mapping Prog.
 - Ecological Society of America (ESA)
 - The Nature Conservancy
- Funding Source(s):
 - Congressional
- Funding Level:
 - \$700K (FY98)
- Major FY98 milestone:
 - status report
- Major FY99 milestone:
 - 1) Hierarchical Prototype using Fort Hood as Test Case
 - 2) Vegetation Map (Prelim)



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Web Image Analysis Remote Sensing (WIARS) Change Assessment

- Objective:
 - Develop a web-based image analysis system that integrates all necessary tools to perform image comparison and change assessment
 - Test and validate capabilities to assess change in TES habitat in Ft. Hood region
- PI(s):
 - Scott Tweddle (CERL)
- Contractor:
 - Virginia Dale, ORNL
 - Jamie Hebert (TRIES)
- Cooperators:
 - Lisa O'Donnell - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Fort Hood POC:
 - Mr. John Cornelius (Hood)
- Funding Source(s):
 - Congressional
- Funding Level:
 - \$850K (FY98)
- Major FY98 milestone:
 - Develop, refine, and demonstrate WIARS
- Major FY99 milestone:
 - Demonstrate capabilities through assessment of regional changes in Golden-Cheeked Warbler habitat



50% Change Severity



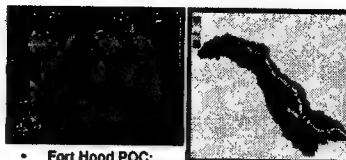
99% Change Severity



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Stage-Stream/Soil Moisture Forecasting

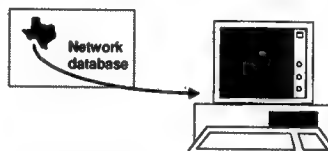
- **Objective:**
 - Provide a warning system for flooding on the reservation and a system for determining when soil moisture conditions as they affect training and land damage
- **PI(s):**
 - Bill Martin - CHL
 - Mark Jourdan - CHL
 - Bill Johnson - CHL
 - Mickie Hayward - CHL
 - Alan Anderson - CERL
 - Dave Price - CERL
- **Cooperators:**
 - Mike Childress - Shepherd-Miller Inc.
 - June Wolf - TRIES
 - Dr. Fred Ogden - Univ of Connecticut
 - Dr. Ehab Meselhe - Southwest Louisiana University
 - Dr. Mark Leipnik - TRIES
- **Fort Hood POC:**
 - Mr. Emmet Gray
- **Funding Sources / Levels:**
 - SERDP-\$156K
 - Congressional - \$500K
 - RDT&E - \$120
- **Major FY98 milestone:**
 - Initial Cowhouse Creek watershed model with sediment yield
 - Demo of coupled EDYS and CASC2D models
- **Major FY99 milestone:**
 - Field data collection and analyses
 - Calibration and verification of stream-stage and soil moisture model output to best available data
 - Integrate NEXRAD data with the watershed model



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Web Map Dissemination

- **Objective:**
 - To distribute military installation spatial data to installation personnel in the form of maps using the Internet.
 - To assist the soldier in finding relevant information for training purposes.
 - To conduct QA/QC on military installation spatial data
- **PI(s):**
 - Kelly Diks - CERL
- **Cooperators:**
 - Doug Johnston - U of Ill
 - Dave Price - CERL
 - Mike Childress - Shepherd-Miller Inc.
 - Paul Sovellius, TRIES
- **Fort Hood POC:**
 - Emmet Gray (DPW)
 - Jerry Paruzinski (ITAM)
- **Funding Sources / Levels:**
 - A996 75K
 - Congressional funds 200K
- **Major FY98 milestone:**
 - Hood will have Internet Map Serving capability
 - WWW based Individual Cowbird Behavior Model (ICBM)
- **Major FY99 milestone:**
 - Review the quality of Hood digital map data
 - WWW enabled MAGIC to support the ITAM community



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LMS Partners

Agency Partners

- Department of Energy (DOE)
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
- State Agencies
- Department of Interior (DOI)
- US Geological Survey (USGS)
- Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)
- National Park Service

Industry Partners

- Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI)
- Open GIS Consortium (OGC)
- Pacific Meridian

Academic Partners

- Syracuse University
- University of Illinois
- Brigham Young University
- Texas Regional Institute for Environmental Studies (TRIES)
- Colorado State University
- University of Maryland
- University of Connecticut
- University of Miami
- University of Minnesota
- Mankato State University
- St. Mary's College
- Illinois State Water Survey



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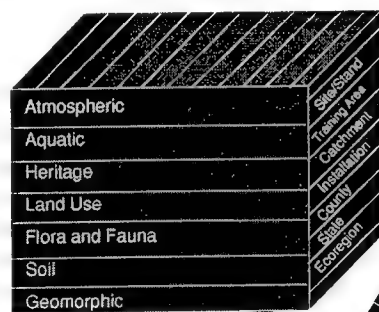
Where To From Here

- Plan for Data Repository (demo sites)
 - Increase value to host installation
 - Include non-LMS studies and contracted work
 - Provide extensive metadata for all inputs
 - Publish repository plans and standards
 - Source of data for all future studies
- Post Meeting Report
- Adjustments to Projects
- Building a Future Plan (FY99 and beyond)



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Site Data Repository



Medium of Exchange for
Simultaneous and Sequential
Investigators



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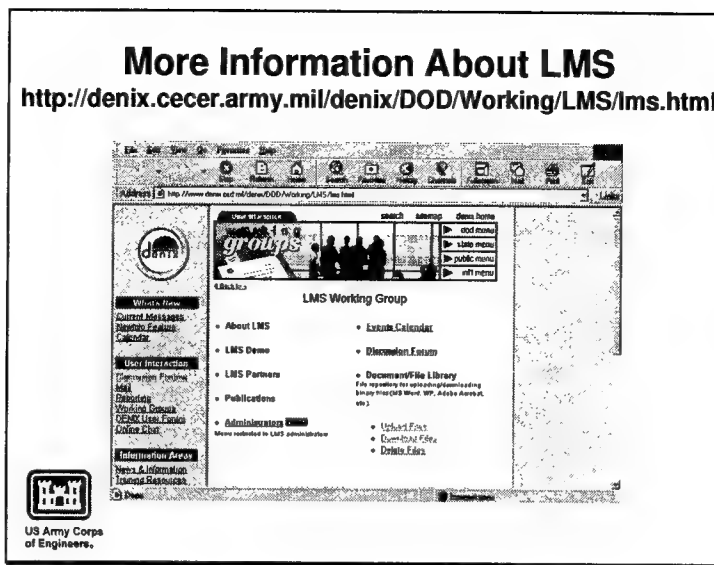


Post IPR Plans

- | | |
|---|---|
| _____ Put together a complete report | Duncan |
| _____ Identify all action items | Duncan |
| _____ Site POC and Site Coordinator will staff action items | Anderson
Gray |
| _____ Adjustment to on-going efforts as suggested | Anderson, Pls |
| _____ Additional year funding requirements reviewed | Goran, Barko,
Riggins,
Anderson
Hood Staff |
| _____ Development of "plan" for continuation | Above Group
Pls |

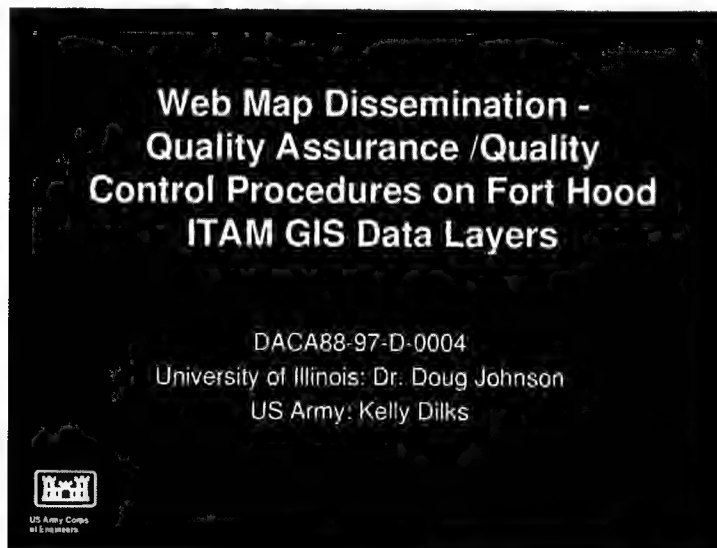


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QA/QC Procedures for ITAM Data

Presenters: Kelly Dilks, Doug Johnston, Paul Sovelius



Purpose of Project Web Map Dissemination

Evaluate web mapping technology
Create common views for Ft. Hood Data
Set up web mapping functionality



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FY 98 Accomplishments

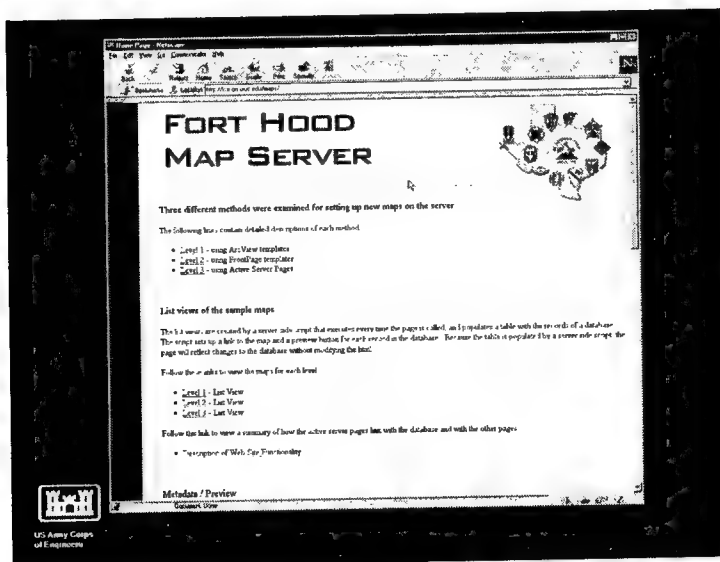
Web prototypes developed

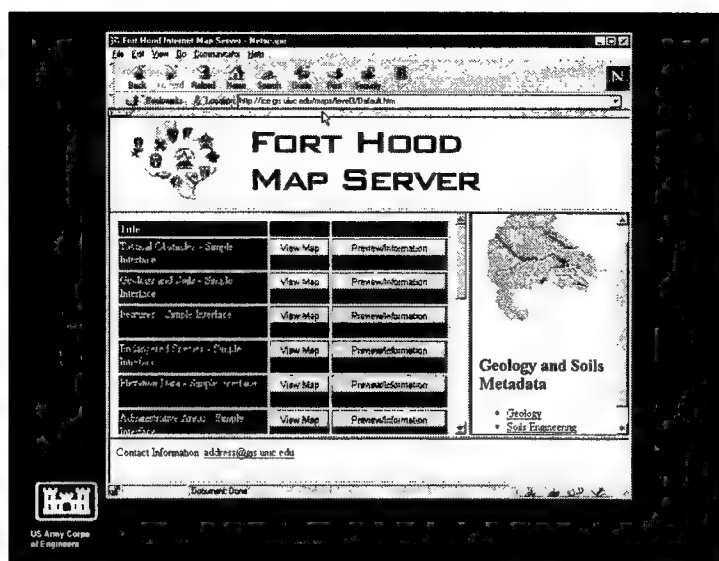
- ESRI Internet Map Server
- Microsoft Frontpage
- Active Server Pages (ASP)
- Java Server Application

Web mapping implemented at Hood June 1998



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Purpose of Project QA/QC Procedures

Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC) procedures on Fort Hood Integrated Training Area Management (ITAM) GIS data layers

Document core ITAM GIS data layers using the FGDC Content Standard for Digital Geospatial Metadata

Map Fort Hood ITAM data into the Military Area Geographic Information Computer (MAGIC) ArcView Interface



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Problem Description

Data collected over time by different organizations with different purposes

Lack of data on fitness for use, datedness, accuracy, source data, etc.

Need core set of documented/evaluated data

Need process and tools for evaluating and maintaining data quality



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Example of data sets and comparison data



Offices at Fort Hood

G3 Range Control Division

- Jerry Paruzinski, ITAM Coordinator
- Jason Walters, ITAM GIS Coordinator

DPW - Environmental Division

- Emmet Gray, Chief, Environmental Branch



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Funding Sources

FY98	A896	75K	Web Mapping
FY99	Congressional	200K	QA/QC



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Performers

University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign Geographic
Modeling Systems Lab
Dr. Doug Johnston (GMS Lab and NCSA)
Diane Timlin (GMS Lab)
Dr. Zorica Budic (Urban and Regional Planning)
Prof. Jenny Johnson (Map and Geography)

Pending subcontract with SHSU/TRIES

Dr. Paul Sovellius



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Major Steps in Process

Document existing data sets
Develop QA/QC procedures
Assess data sets
Evaluate procedures
Report on procedures and prospects for automation
etc.



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Document existing ITAM data

Sample selected by Ft. Hood ITAM Coordinator and GIS
Coordinator

- Installation Boundaries
- Training Area Boundaries
- Roads
- Surface Hydrology
- Crossings (Stream and Utilities)
- Elevation and Derivative Products (slope, aspect, contours)...
- Options



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Current Status

- ✓ Draft Procedure
- ✓ Collecting ITAM data sets
- ✓ Collecting comparison data sets
 - Digital Orthophotography
 - Higher Accuracy Base Mapping
 - Field Data
- ✓ Planning field verification/data collection for April/May 1999



Problems, Concerns, Coordination Issues

Subcontract award
Data gathering



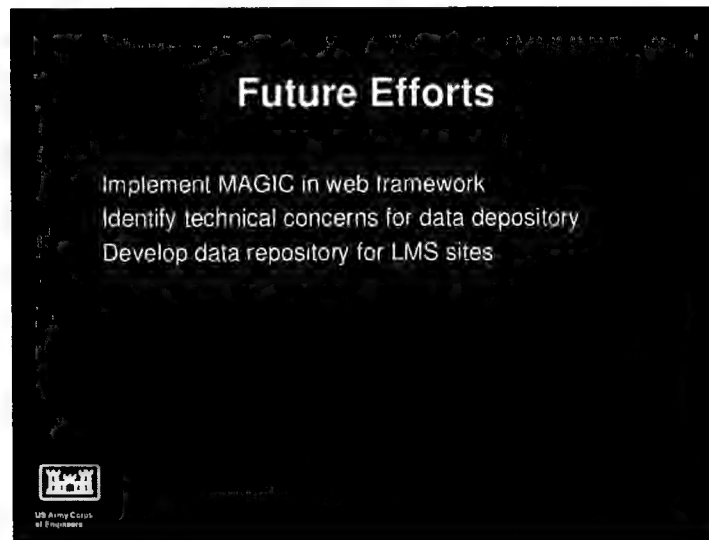
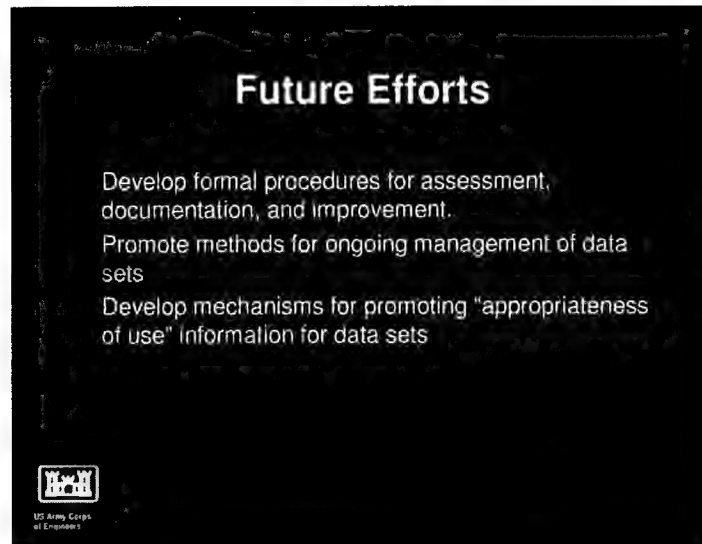
Results

Assessment of current state of selected Ft. Hood ITAM data sets
Development of procedures

- Requirements
- Tools

Cost (labor...) of data quality improvement





TES Habitat Modeling

Presenter: Anne-Marie Trame

The Fort Hood Avian Simulation Model

The Individual Cowbird Behavior Model



- John Cornelius- primary user and sponsor
- Jim Westervelt, Steve Harper and Ann-Marie Trame - primary development team
- Randy Craft, Sheila Jackson, Gil Eckrich, Jim Koloszar -- Texas Nature Conservancy
- Tim Hayden, Bob Melton, Howard Weinberg, Leslie Jette - CERL field data team
- Steve Briggs, Bruce Macallister, Ibnu Syabri, Dan Lapine - CERL technical modeling team
- Geographic Modeling Systems Lab, U of IL



- **Two endangered species, two different habitat types**
- **Habitat affected by proactive management, fires, and other processes such as grazing and mechanized training**



- Answers questions such as:
 - What is the effect of increasing/decreasing habitat management?
 - What is the effect of changing fire control policies?
 - What is the optimal balance between two habitat types?



- STELLA software allows non-programmers to input their own knowledge- point and click !
- General dynamic model is repeated in each grid cell of mapped landscape
- GRASS (GIS) and Spatial Modeling Environment (SME) unite spatial and temporal dimensions
- Software interactions, intermediate GIS analysis and output production managed by scripts



- Powerful tools
- Customizable to meet needs of a particular application
- Limiting factor: data inputs, especially spatially explicit knowledge of landscape and significance of landscape to the question of interest
- Some issues related to SME updates



- **FOUR SUBMODELS:**

- Management Efforts
- Accidental Fire
- Habitat Changes (vegetation submodel)
- Avian Demographics

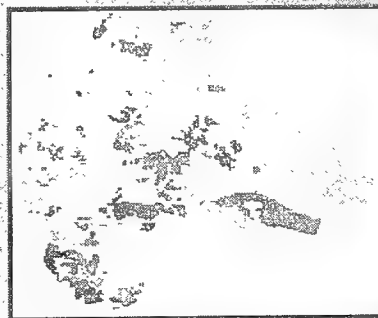


HASM-1996

- Capture ecological relationships in STELLA
- GIS analyses
- SME configuration
- Scripts to control input-output between SME and GRASS



Vegetation Types



Comparison FY98

- 1995 Population Viability Habitat Analysis (RAMAS) used in Fort Hood ESMP
- Compare FHASM results to 1995 results in response to FWS request (ESMP)
- STEP 1 -- "most exact comparison" -- demographics only, compare model structure
- STEP 2 -- "full comparison" - no control over spatially explicit and dynamic



WWW Interface for FHASM

Welcome to the World Wide Web interface for the Fort Hood Avian Simulation Model (FHASM).

To request a simulation, simply:

- 1) enter your e-mail address
- 2) enter the desired values for each variable
- 3) press the Submit button at the bottom of this window



Overwinter/migration losses

Input type: positive integers from 0 to 100

Units: percent that do not return

INPUT NAME	VALUE
After-Second-Year BCV	5
Second-Year BCV	2
After-Second-Year GCW	43
Second-Year GCW	33



Overwinter/migration losses (percent that do not return)

This value, between 0 and 100, indicates the percent of migrating birds that leave Fort Hood at the end of a breeding season but do not return the following breeding season. Default values represent the best estimates available from data collected to date. Effects of increasing or decreasing return rates (e.g., through changes in survival on overwintering grounds) for one or both age classes can be simulated by changing these values.



Model Resolution

- 200 m X 200 m grid cells = 4 ha = territory size
- 48,400 cells on Fort Hood
- 3- month time steps
- typical run lasts 100 years



Maps depicting cattle grazing policy

Cattle Grazing Map 1 }
 Cattle Grazing Map 2 }
 Cattle Grazing Map 3 }
 Cattle Grazing Map 4 }
 Cattle Grazing Map 5 }

Presently, leases permit ranchers to graze their cattle within the boundary of Fort Hood. While most of the area is accessible to cattle, not all locations are grazed evenly.



Output Generated by FHASM

FHASM generates the following output for each simulation: You will be notified of the location containing output graphs and movies after your request has been processed. At that time, you may download any or all output files to your local machine.

Habitat Quality for BCV and GCW (movies)

Breeding Sites of BCV and GCW (movies)

Population Size for BCV and GCW (graphs)

Plant Communities (movie)

Accidental Fires (movie)

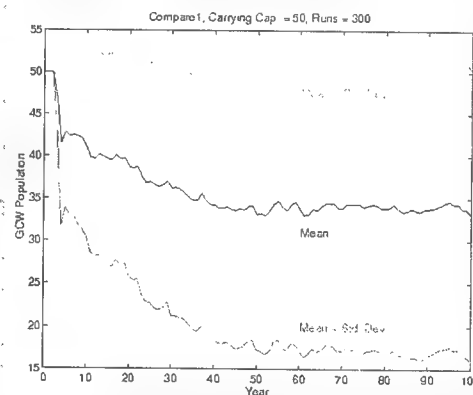
Area Burned (graph)



Most exact
comparison

Carrying
Capacity = 50

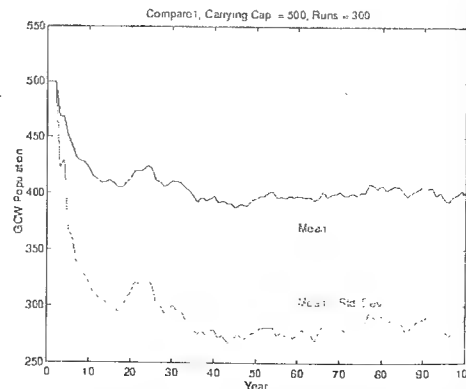
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Most exact
comparison

Carrying
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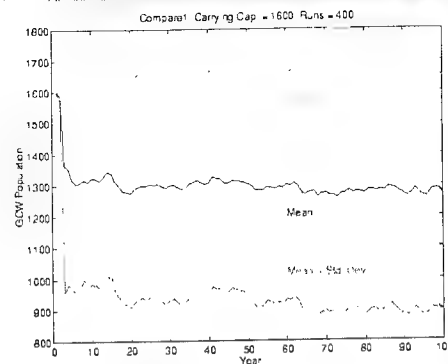
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Most exact
comparison

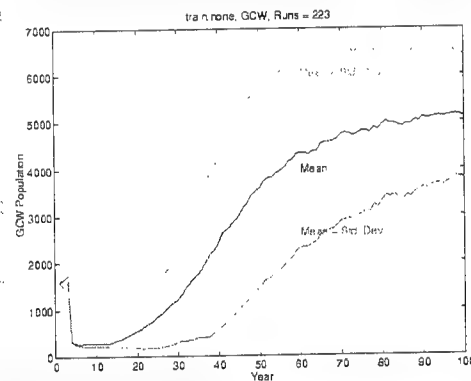
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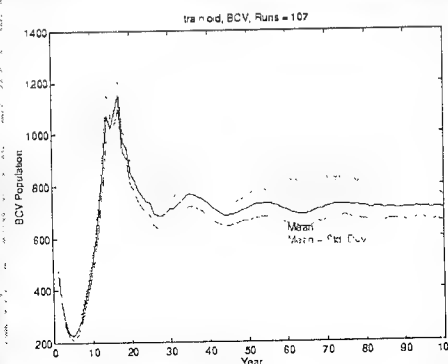
Training map
generated from
imagery, no
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restrictions

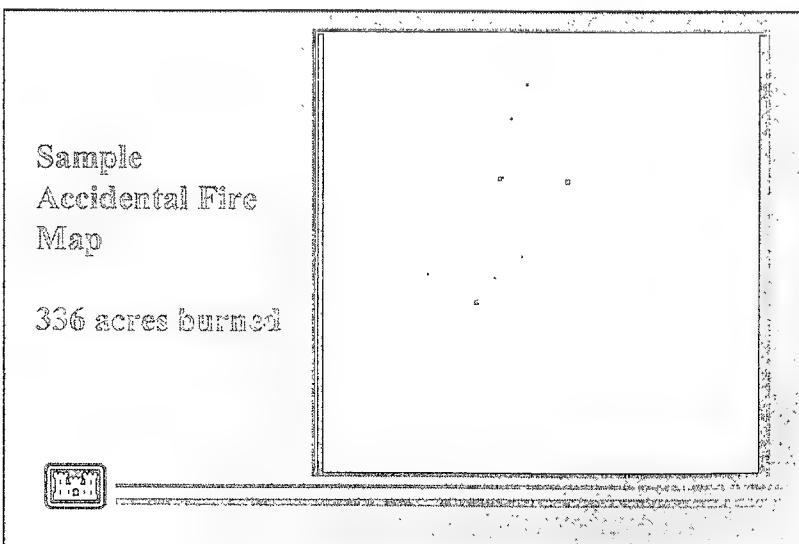
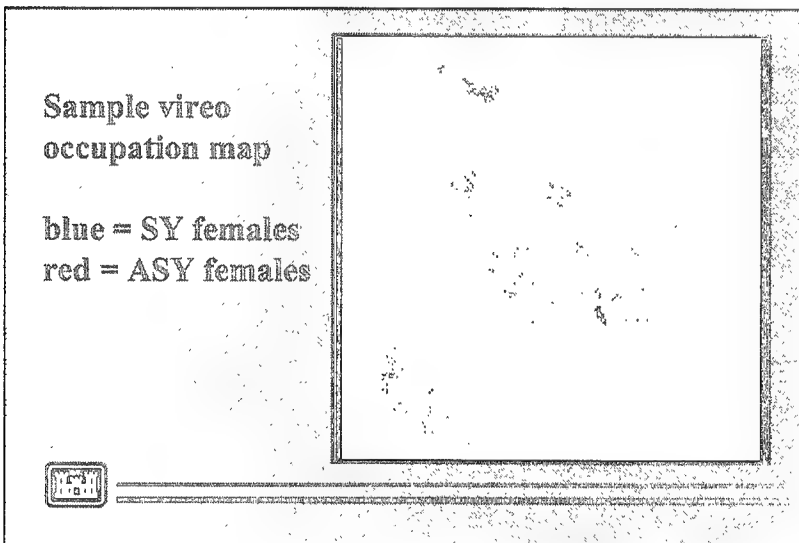
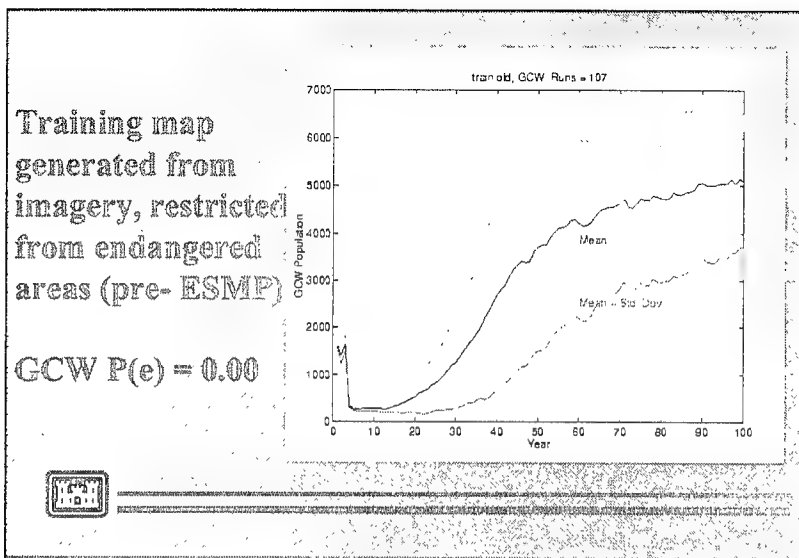
GCW $P(e) = 0.00$



Training map
generated from
imagery, restricted
from endangered
areas (pre- ESMP)

BCV $P(e) = 0.00$





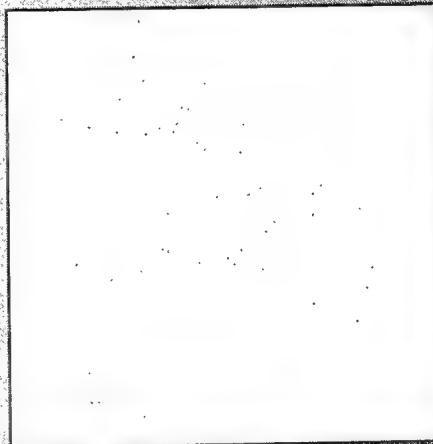
**1600 random
cells used for
most exact
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**represent simple
carrying capacity**



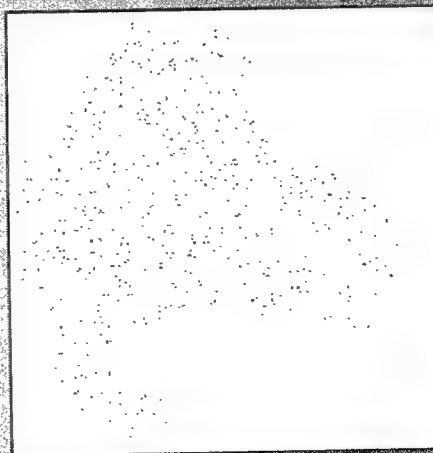
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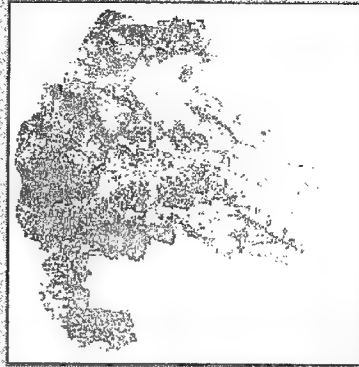
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**Combination of
imagery and Oct 98
ESMP proposed
training restrictions**

yellow & green = no /
low mech training
blue = moderate
red = high



**Imagery analysis
without additional
training restrictions**

yellow = no / low
mech training
blue = moderate
red = high



**Combination of
imagery and
restrictions on
mech training
within TES areas**

yellow = no / low
mech training
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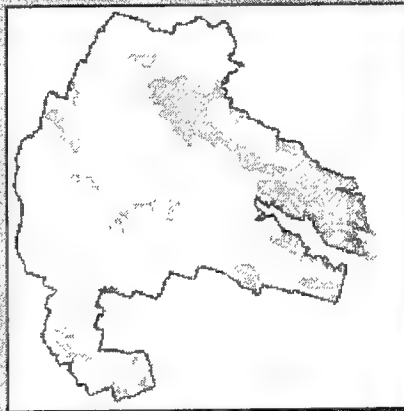


Sample warbler occupation map

blue = SY females
red = ASY females



Recognized endangered species areas, used to restrict training in one scenario



Exact Comparison

GCW Carrying Capacity	FHASM-V	Melton 1996
50	0.13	0.521
500	0.01	0.041
1600	0.00	0.005



Distribution

- FHASH (original approach)
- Trame, et al. 1997 CERL Tech Report 97/88
- FHASH- V (PVA approach)
- FHASH - L (linked to the ICBM)
- WWW Interface
- <http://blizzard.gis.uiuc.edu/html/docs/IES.html>



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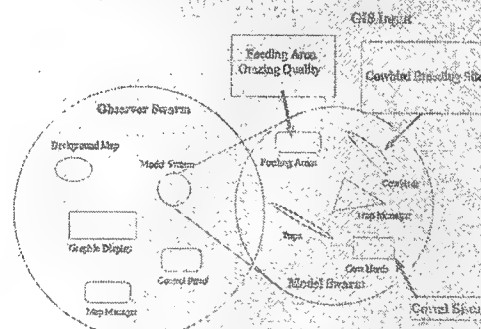
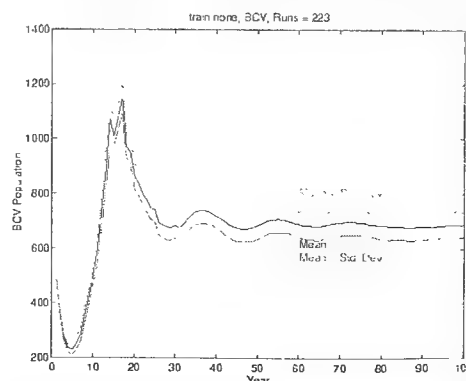
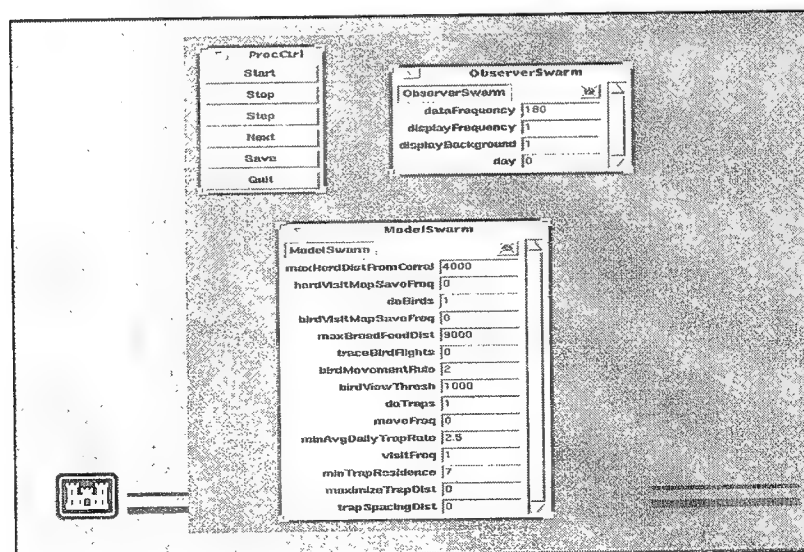
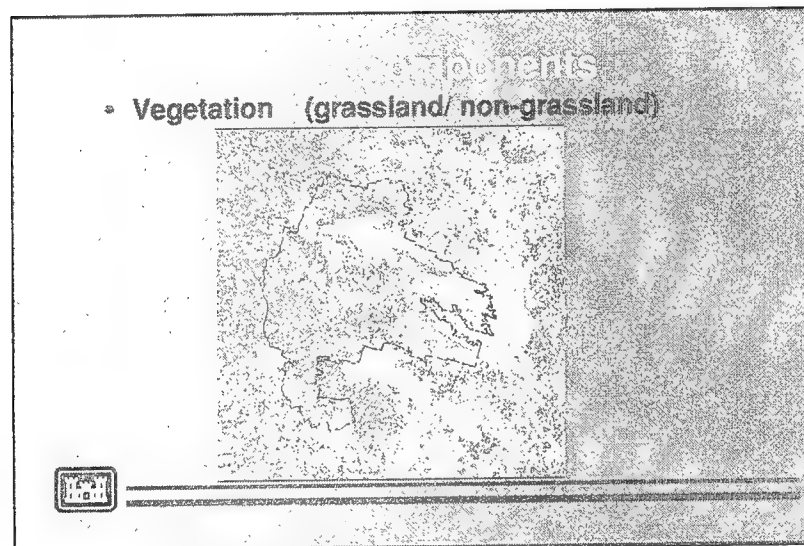


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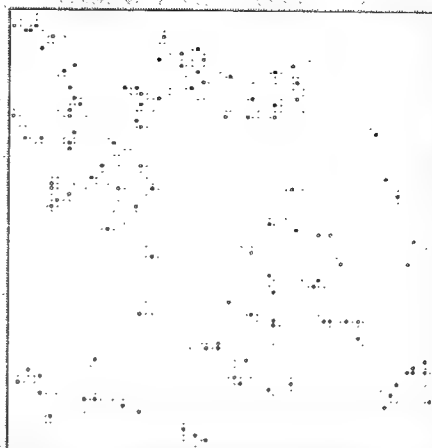
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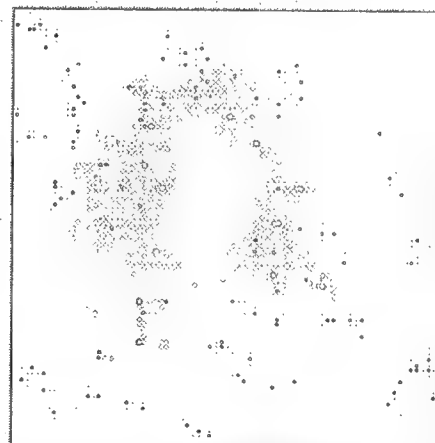




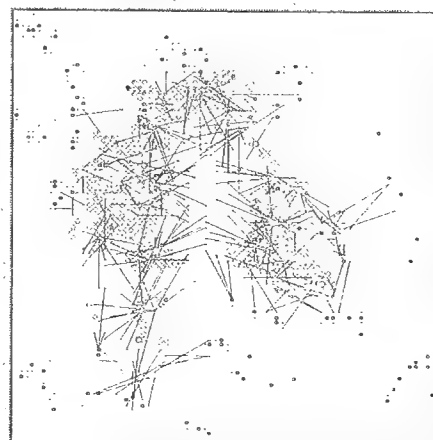
Corrals (green)
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Corrals, cattle and
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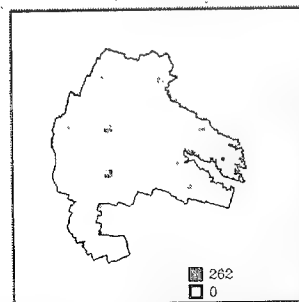
Corrals, cattle and
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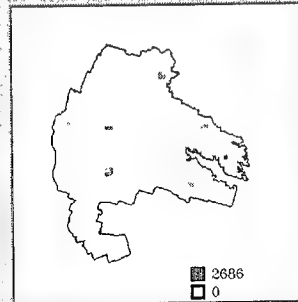
- Cattle Herds -- affected by water, corrals, characteristics of grassland, previous movements
- Female Brown-Headed Cowbirds -- daily movement decisions, affected by cattle and previous movements



Example
grazing input
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Cattle



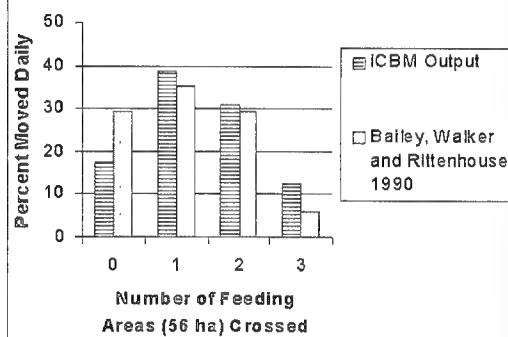
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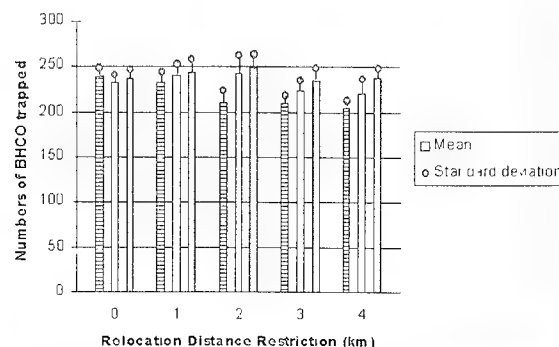
- 2 types of traps -- total numbers & proportion
- Relocation rules: How often? How far from previous trapping sites?

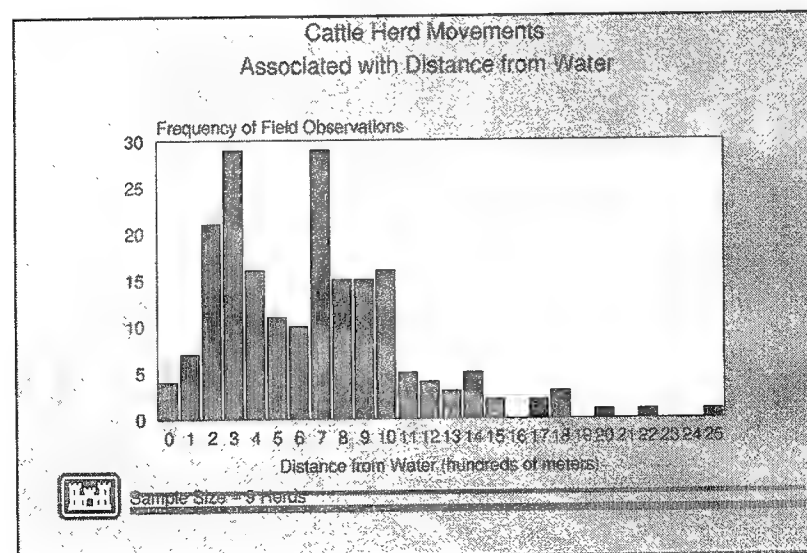
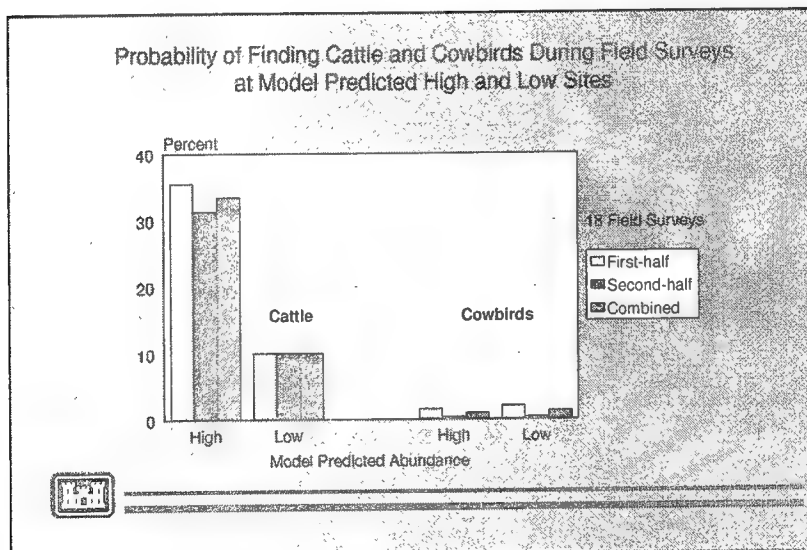
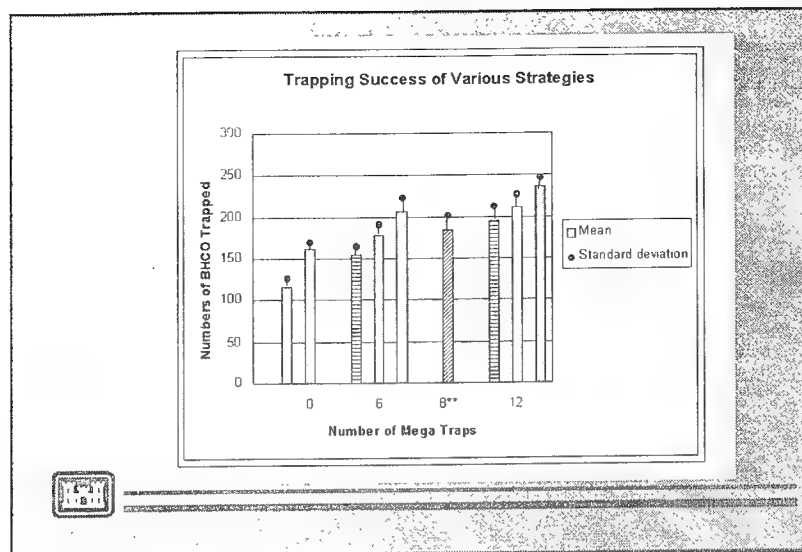


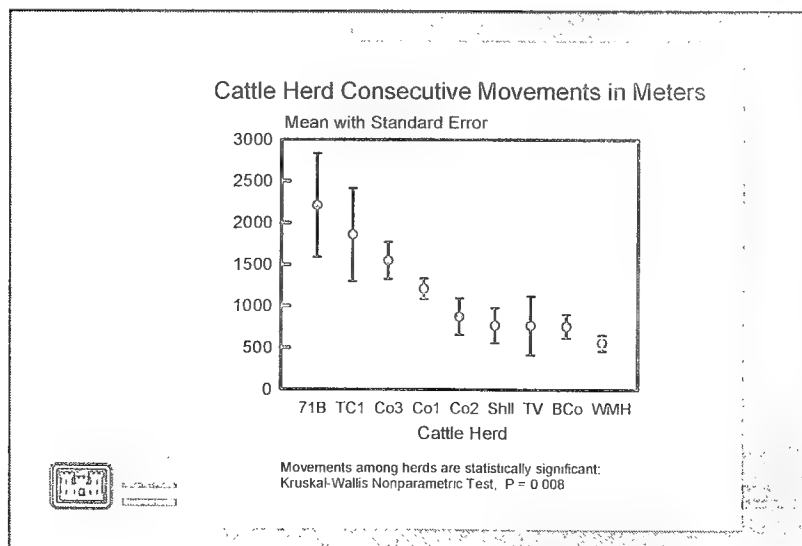
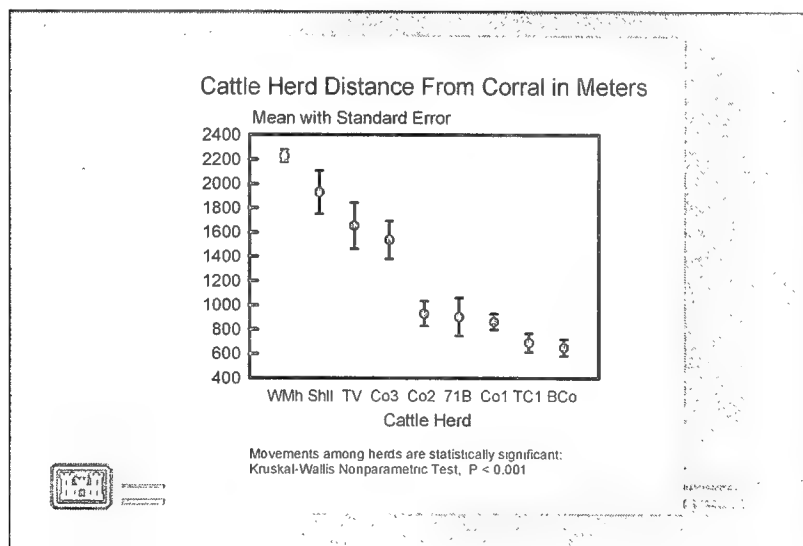
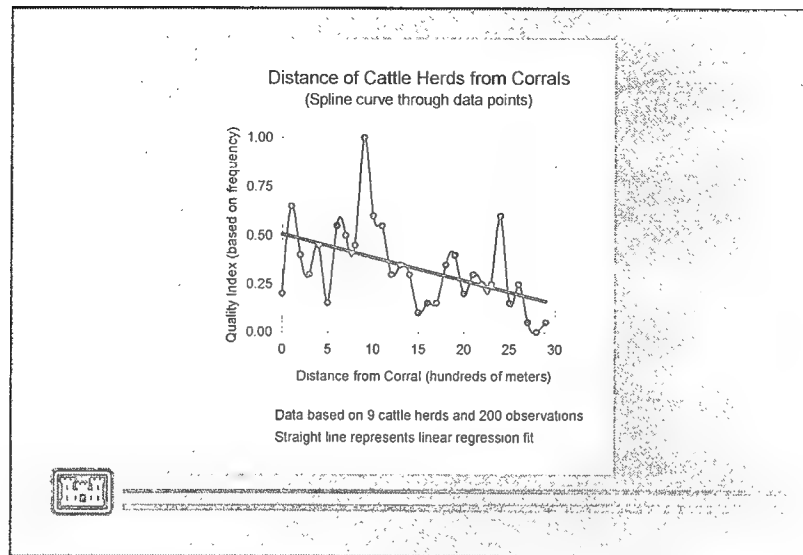
Cattle Movement



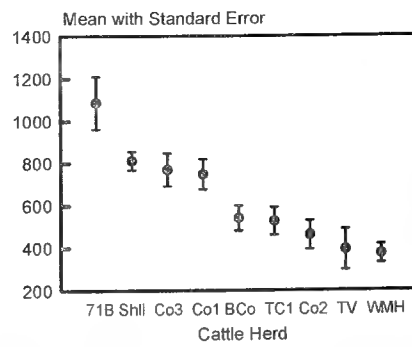
Trapping Success of Various Strategies







Cattle Herd Distance From Water in Meters



Movements among herds are statistically significant:
Kruskal-Wallis Nonparametric Test, $P < 0.001$

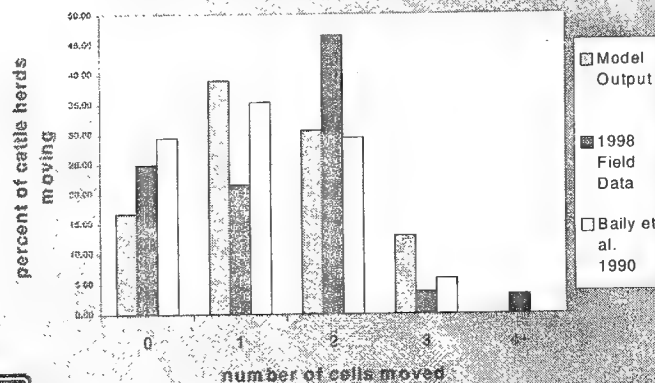


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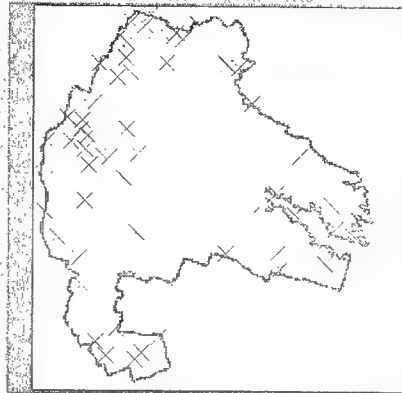
Cowbird presence/
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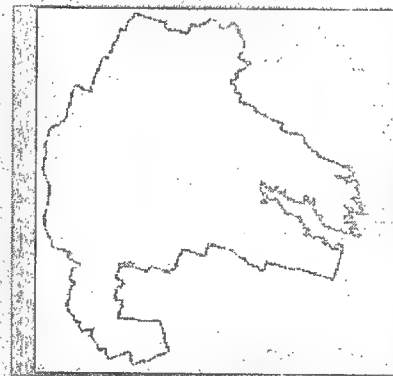
Comparison of cattle herd daily movement distances



Locations of
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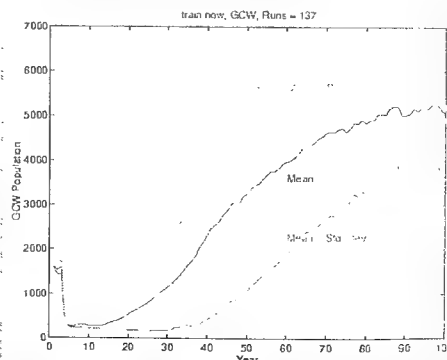


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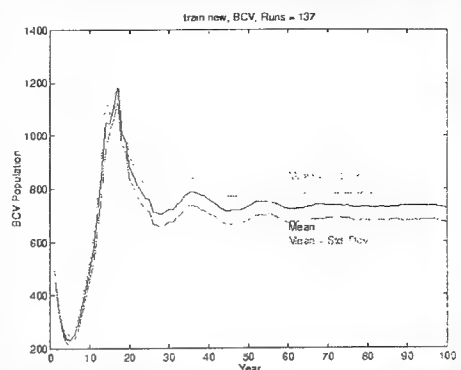
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Documentation

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- Linkage with FHASM
- Report to Fort Hood, explaining FY 98 work



Land Based Carrying Capacity Demonstration

Presenters: David Price, Pat Guertin, Scott Tweddale, Dick Gebhart, Alan Anderson, Kim Michaels

Land Based Carrying Capacity Demonstration Validation Study

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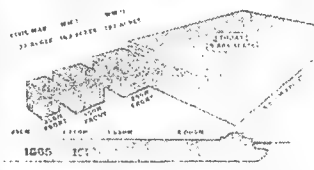
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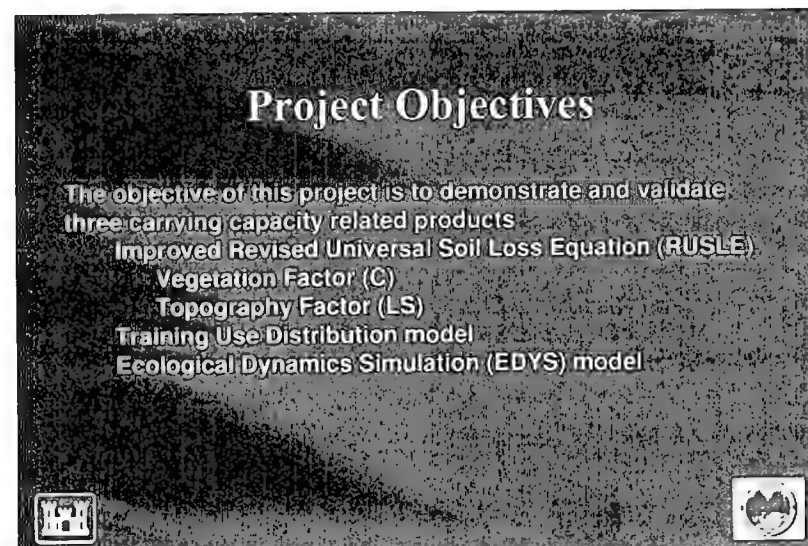
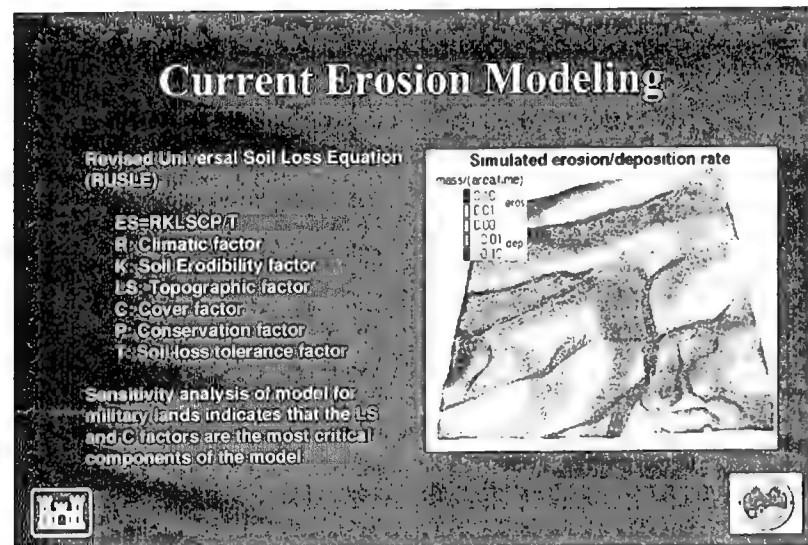
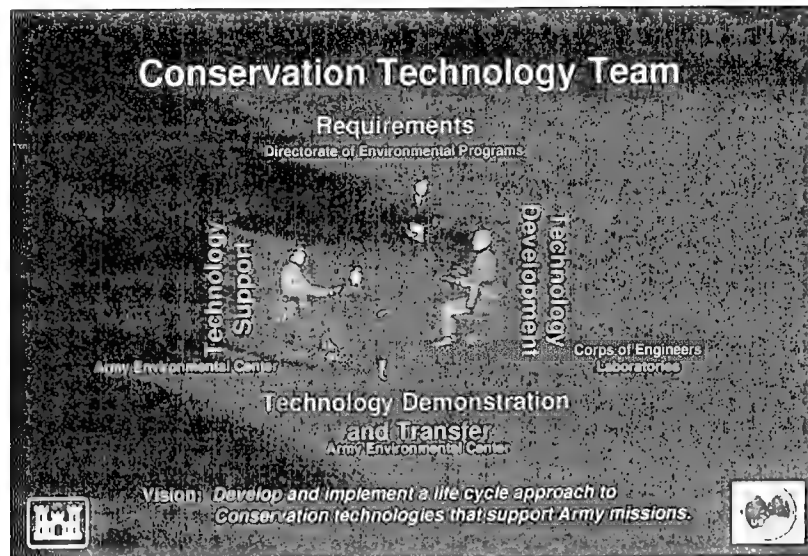


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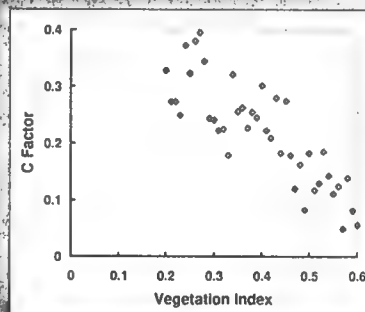




RUSLE Improvements C Factor

Satellite Imagery Derived Vegetation Indices

- 1) Process Imagery
IR-R
IR+R
- 2) Process LCTA data
Ground cover
Aerial cover
Minimum drip height
- 3) Define the statistical relationship between the satellite imagery and ground truth data



Vegetation Cover Estimation



By correlating ground measurements of percent vegetative cover (LCTA) with vegetation index values derived from satellite imagery, it is possible to spatially extrapolate and monitor vegetative cover estimates over large geographic regions. Vegetation indices, when calibrated with field data, allow for more detailed estimates of vegetation cover and the USLE C-factor variable and enhance erosion and deposition prediction.

Project Resources

- Army Environmental Center
- A896 Terrain Modeling
- SERDP

Purpose of the Demonstration/ Validation

- Current LS factor used in ATTACC doesn't account for complex topography associated with military landscapes
- Current LS factor assumes erosion is occurring everywhere and can not account for deposition
- These lead to an overestimation of erosion and underestimation of carrying capacity

LS Factor Approach

- Three different LS factor calculations
 - Current ATTACC methodology using LS values derived from LCTA plots
 - LS values derived from GIS Digital Elevation Models (DEM's)
 - LS values derived from high resolution DEM's and use of Unit Stream Power Theory which accounts for upslope contributing area/ topographic complexities

LS Factor Approach

- Each of the three LS factor calculations were used to develop an LS data layer for the demonstration watershed at Fort Hood
- These LS data layers were then combined with the other RUSLE component data layers (soils, vegetation cover, rainfall/runoff) to produce maps illustrating predicted long term soil erosion

LS Factor Approach

- Comparison and validation of the different long term soil erosion predictions were done using Cs-137 methodologies
- Cs-137
 - by-product of nuclear testing
 - strongly adsorbed to soil particles
 - emits easily measured gamma rays
 - spatial distribution of Cs-137 across the watershed can be used to map erosion and deposition areas
 - high Cs-137 = net deposition
 - low Cs-137 = net erosion

LS Factor Approach

- About 200 soil samples were collected from a grid pattern within the watershed, analyzed for Cs-137, and used to calculate erosion/ deposition

LS Factor Status

- Cs-137 analysis has just been completed and will be analyzed to produce watershed estimates of erosion/ deposition
- Cs-137 erosion/ deposition estimates will then be compared to model estimates using the there different LS factor calculations (30 Jun 99)

Results/ Products

- Identification of "most accurate" LS factor for use in ATTACC
- Improved estimates of soil erosion/ deposition
- Improved estimates of carrying capacity

Maneuver Impacts Distribution Modeling

Pat Guertin, US Army CERL, CN-N
Bill Meyers, US Army CERL, CN-C
Dr. Chris Rewerts, US Army CERL, CN-C



Construction Engineering Research Laboratory

Project Focus

Develop method to extrapolate cumulative disturbance distribution on landscape.

- AFACC

- LCTA Analysis

Provide for disturbance projection in LBCC research.

- LMS



Construction Project and Research Notes

Cooperation and Funding

Cooperators:

- Jerry Paruzinski, Fort Hood, ITAM
- Kim Michaels (AEC)

Funding:

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- AEC - DEM VAL



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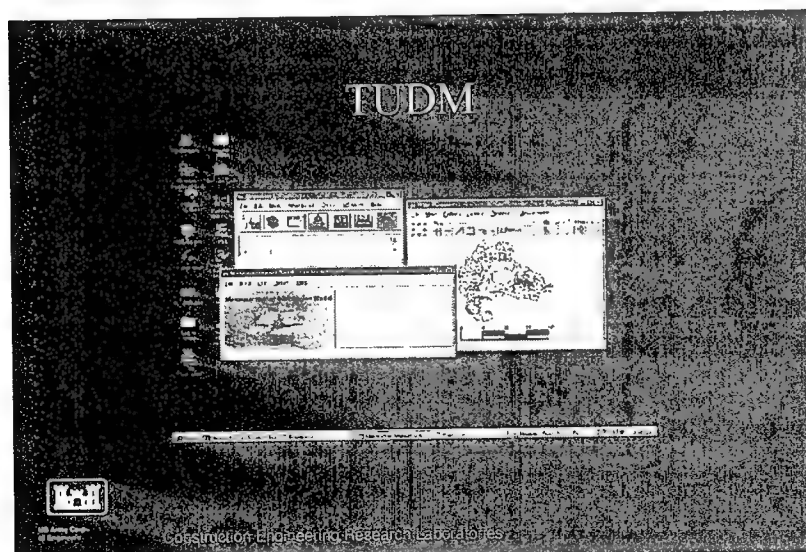
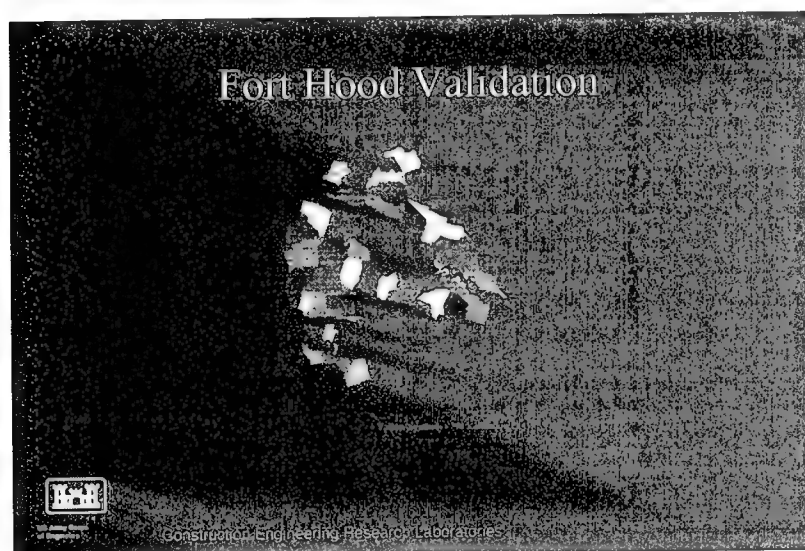
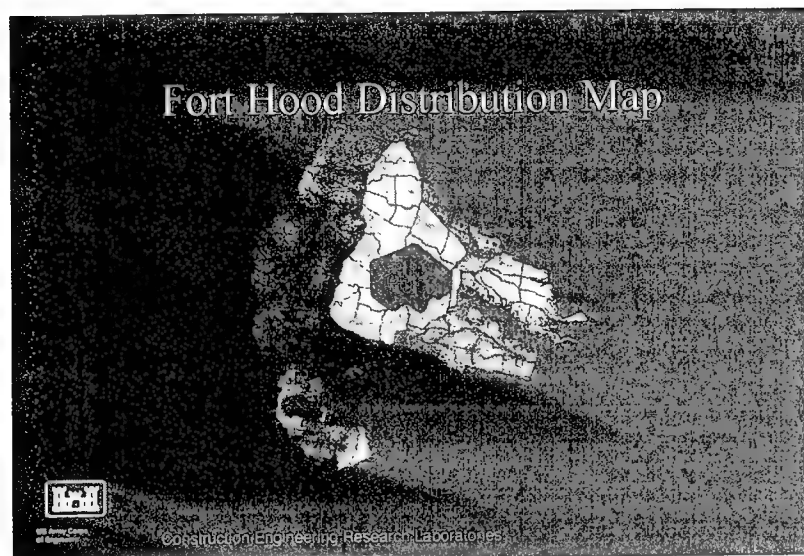
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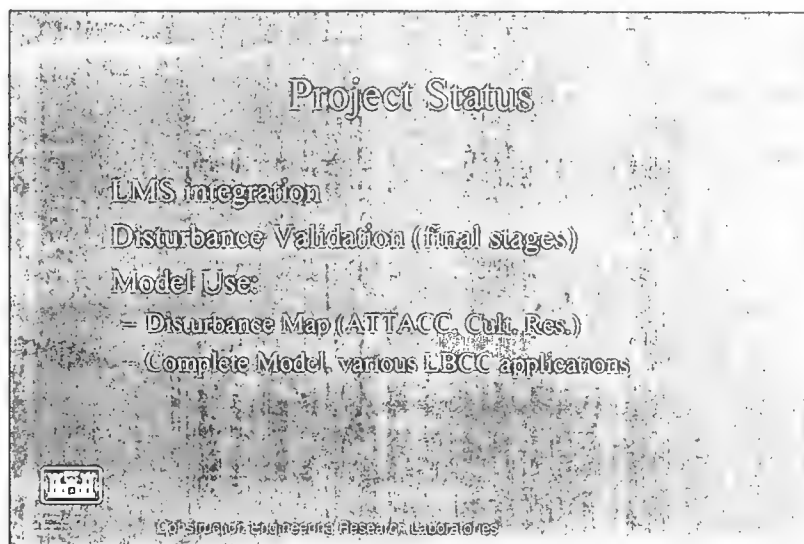
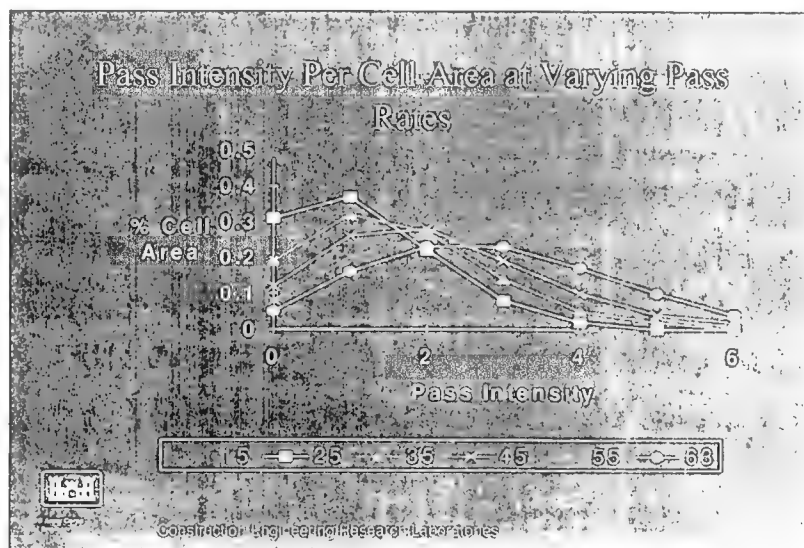
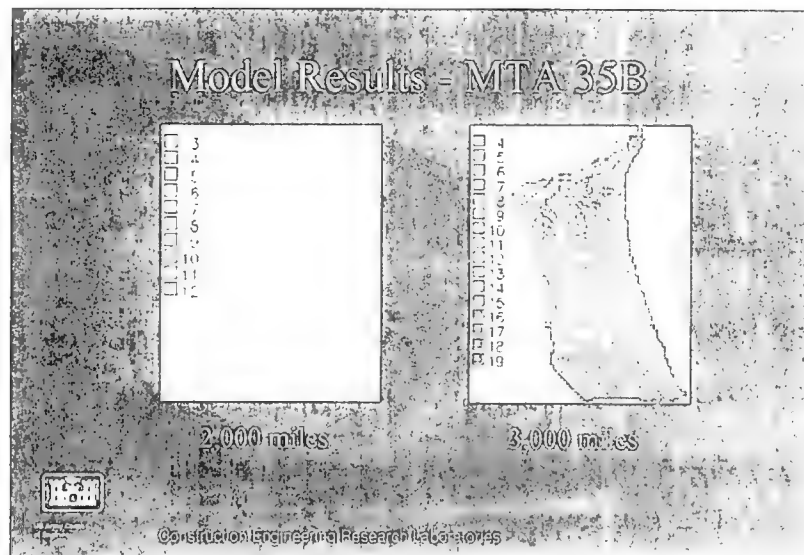
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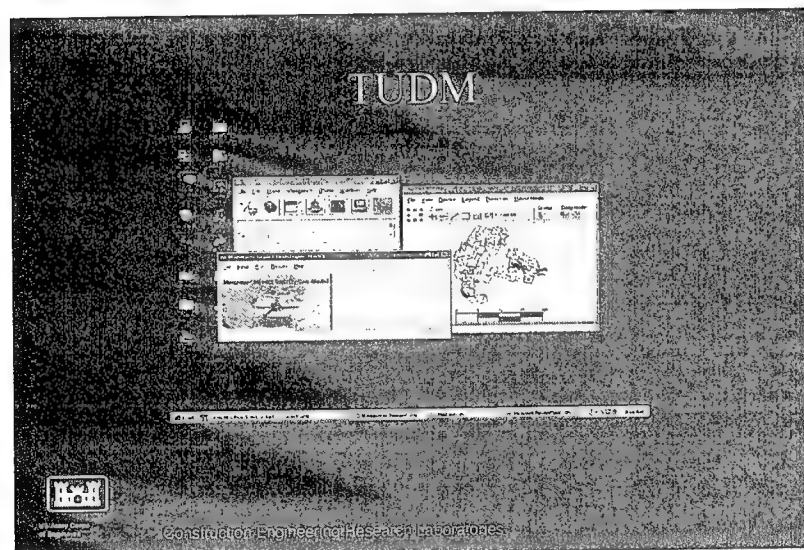
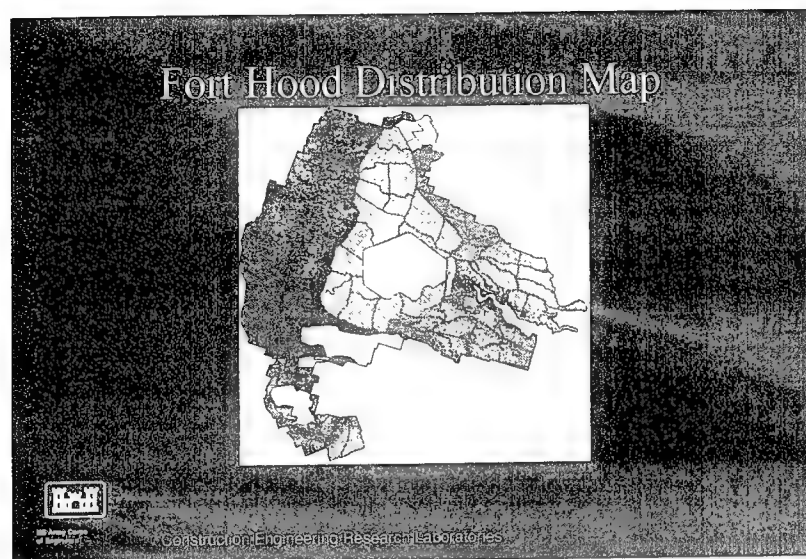
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Construction Project and Research Notes







Land Based Carrying Capacity Demonstration IPR

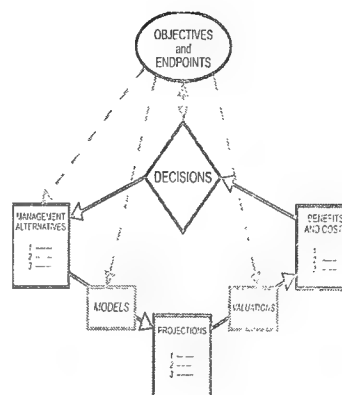
Ecological Dynamics Simulation (EDYS)

David Price, Alan Anderson ERDC/CERL
Terry McLendon, Mike Childress, Cade Coldren SMI

Purpose

EDYS Model Validation & Demonstration

- Validate the accuracy of the EDYS model predictions
- Validate the utility of the EDYS model in a decision framework
- Demonstrate the utility of the EDYS model in real training land management scenarios



Offices Involved

- Fort Hood, TX
 - DPW/Natural Resources
 - ITAM
- Fort Bliss, TX
 - DPW/Directorate of Environment
 - ITAM
- US Army Environmental Center
- USDA NRCS Water Management Center

Performers

- ERDC/USACERL
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- Shepherd Miller Inc.,
 - Terry McLendon, Mike Childress, Cade Coldren
- USAEC
 - Kim Michaels
- Forts Hood and Bliss
 - Don Jones, Kevin Vonfinger, Brett Russell
- USDANRCS
 - Terry Atwood

Project Resources

- ERDC/USACERL Direct Program
 - Land Based Carrying Capacity
 - Installation Capacity Factors
 - Land Management System (LMS)
- USAEC Technology Transfer Program
- In-Kind leverage, Forts Hood and Bliss
 - Personnel time
 - Available data
- USDA/NRCS Technology Acquisition Program

Approach and Content

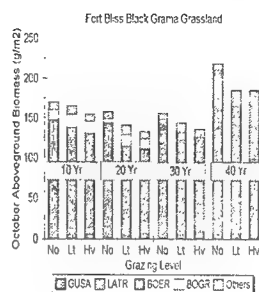
- Verification of the mechanics of the model
 - Nitrogen, Water, Fire, Training, Grazing
- Validation of the accuracy of the model
 - Vegetation composition, structure, production
 - Small scale water and nitrogen dynamics
- Demonstration via a case study
 - Fort Bliss grazing versus training
 - Fort Hood juniper encroachment

Current Timetable, Steps, Status

- Establish validation plots, Fall 97
- Collect and summarize impacts data, Fall 97
- Collect validation data and apply nitrogen and water treatments, Spring 98, Fall 98
- EDYS verification/validation, Spring 99
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- Final Report and case study, January 00

EDYS results and products

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 - Similar simulation with grazing and fire maintains grassland through year 40

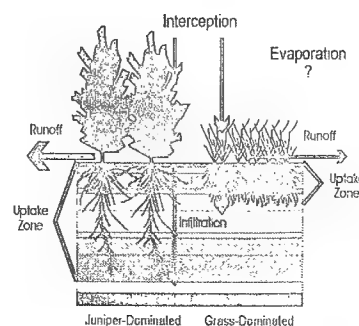


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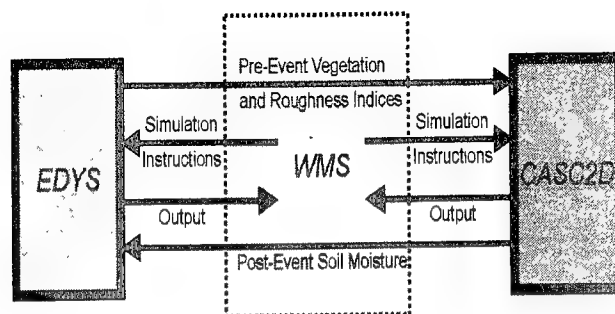
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Feb 98 Site Samples	1948 El Paso	0.687	0.185	0.762	0.660
1989 LCTA 7 Plots	1998 Site	1.010	0.682	1.065	0.769
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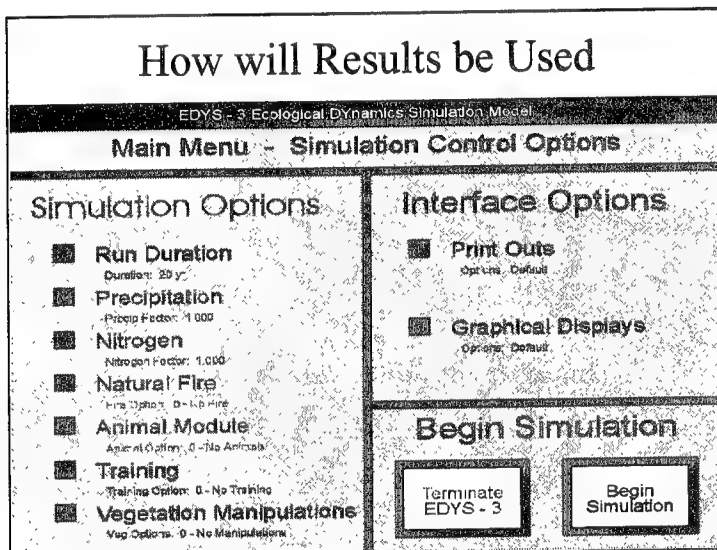
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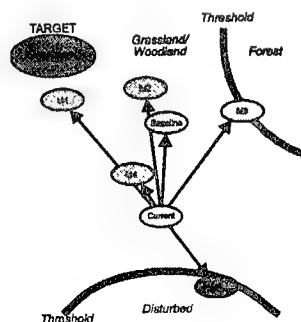


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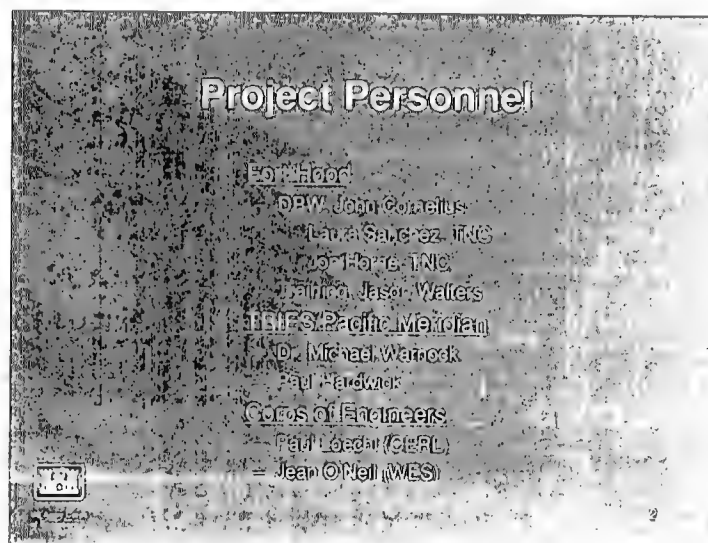
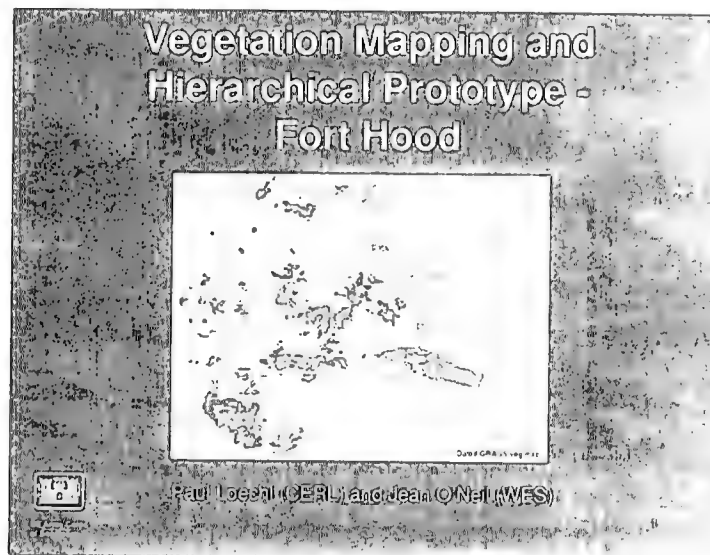
Ecological Restoration Potential and Impact Thresholds

- Management and Restoration Strategies
 - ID Ecological risks or risks to mission
 - ID management or restoration strategies
 - Run simulations to bound likely outcomes
 - Prioritize management actions and thresholds



Vegetation Mapping

Presenters: Paul Loechl, Jean O'Neil, Michael Warnock, Paul Hardwick



Project Purpose

Develop a useful vegetation map for Fort Hood

- Support the many users and activities at Fort Hood
- Help test and evaluate the Vegetation Mapping Guidelines

Develop a hierarchical prototype tool

- Support Army mapping efforts using the NVCS hierarchy and FGDC standards
- Fort Hood test demo site but Army-wide tool
- Interagency partnering (DoD, NPS, FWS, FS, FNC, etc)



Why Vegetation Maps?

Requirement

- Planning Level Surveys (ACSIM House 1997)
- AF 200-3
- DoD Instruction 4715.3
- ITAM
- High priority for Fort Hood

Basic Land Resource Data Layer

- Tactical training plans and implementation
- Selection and sustainment of training lands
- TES and other resources management
- INRMPs
- Data input to simulation models - LMS



Why Hierarchical Prototype?

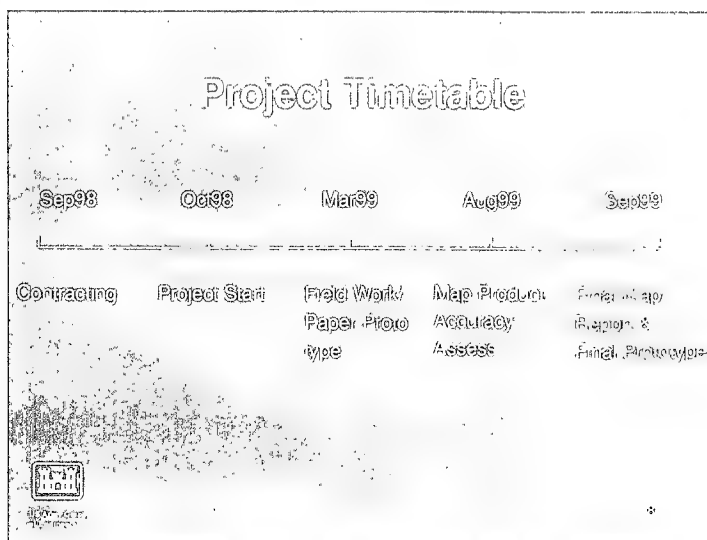
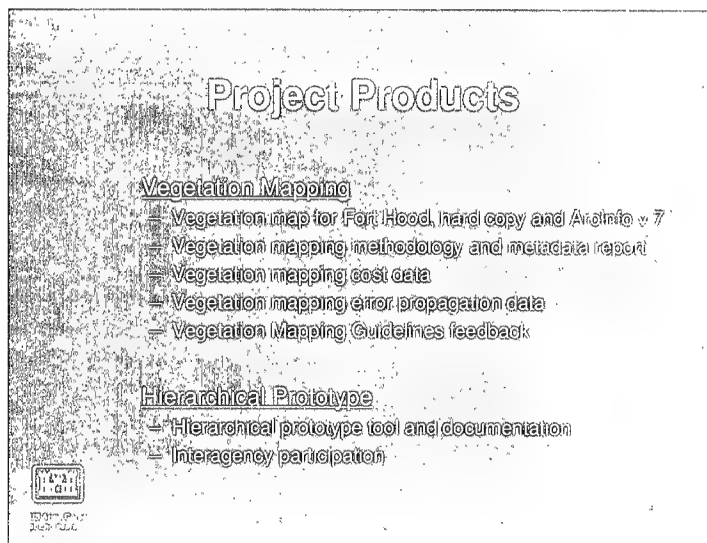
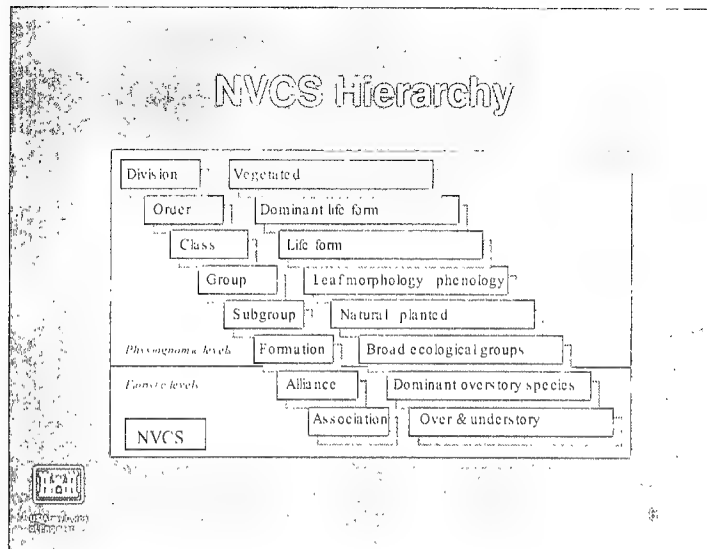
Requirements

- Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) data standards (spatial data, etc)
- National Vegetation Classification System (NVCS)

Tool needed for understanding the hierarchical relationships of the standard

- Cost, time, detail, level of effort, data requirements, etc for each level of the hierarchy
- Understand and cross walk to the NVCS





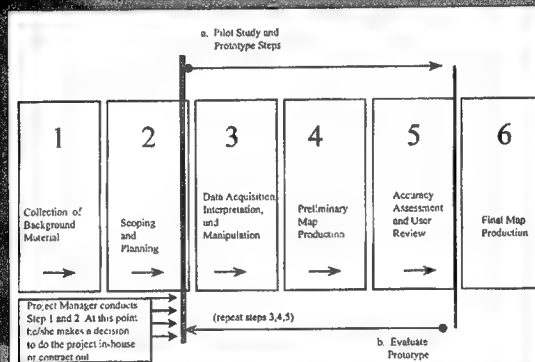
Project Milestones

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Mar99	Pilot study begin w/ 1995 DOQs	Interagency prototype briefing
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Vegetation Mapping Process



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Fort Hood Vegetation Mapping Requirements

- 1- Classify minimum map unit of 1 acre
- 2- Identify % juniper in stands at 10% increments
- 3- Identify % woody vegetation in stands at 10% increments
- 4- Differentiate live oak from juniper
- 5- Differentiate evergreen trees from hardwood
- 6- Differentiate woody vegetation from herbaceous vegetation
- 7- Differentiate vegetated areas from non-vegetated areas
- 8- Differentiate water from other areas



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Fort Hood Vegetation Mapping Additional Products

1. Classify minimum map unit of 25 square meters
2. Measure canopy height for individual trees in 1m increments
3. Differentiate post oak from other hardwoods
4. Differentiate hardwoods utilized by warbler and vireo from other hardwoods
5. Differentiate major hardwood species
6. Differentiate major grassland types



Vegetation Mapping Data

- List of vegetation alliances at Fort Hood:
- Color infrared digital orthophotoquads (DOQ) - 1995 and 1999
 - Multi-spectral imagery - growing season 1995 through 1999
 - TNO vegetation plot data
 - LCRA plot data
 - New field data
 - Digital elevation models (DEM), soils, other GIS data layers



Project Concerns

Overall project timeline length is right

Data coordination and timing



Future Project Potential

Vegetation Mapping

- Costing and error propagation studies at other installations

Classification system work

- Continued development and refinement of the hierarchical tool
- Process for cross-walking classification systems
- Interagency studies with Army, DoD, NPS, FWS, FS, TNC, etc.



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Carrying Capacity

Presenter: Alan Anderson

Improved Units Of Measure For Training And Testing Activity Area Carrying Capacity

SERDP Project

LMS Fort Hood Military Demonstration Briefing
10-11 March 1999



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Army Training and Testing Area Carrying Capacity

Training Land: A Priceless Asset
Facilities & Equipment are Repairable & Replaceable
Land is Repairable...Not Replaceable

Operate as a business

Investment planning

Training is the product/commodity

Sustain for long term use

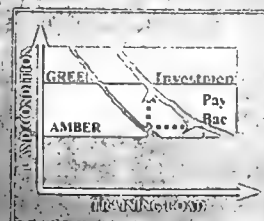
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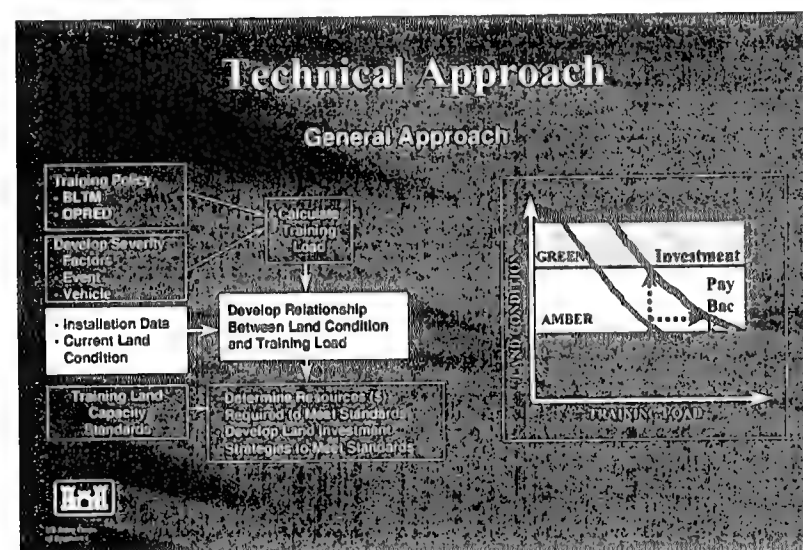
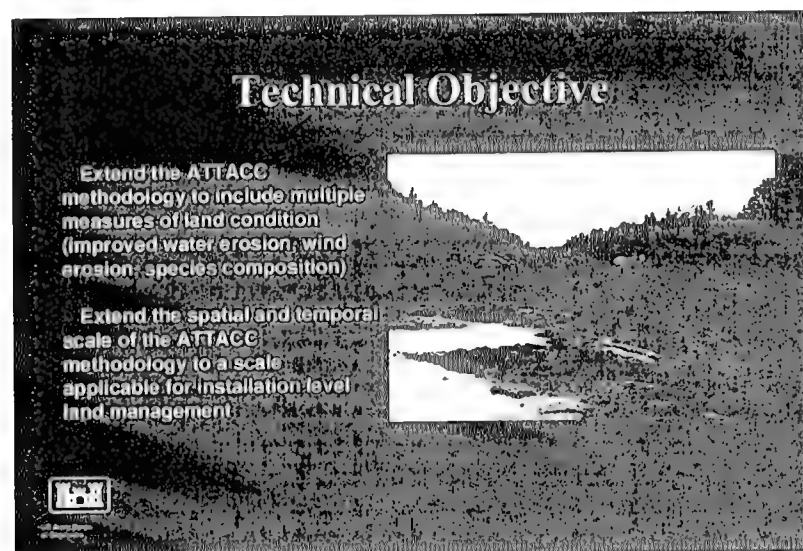
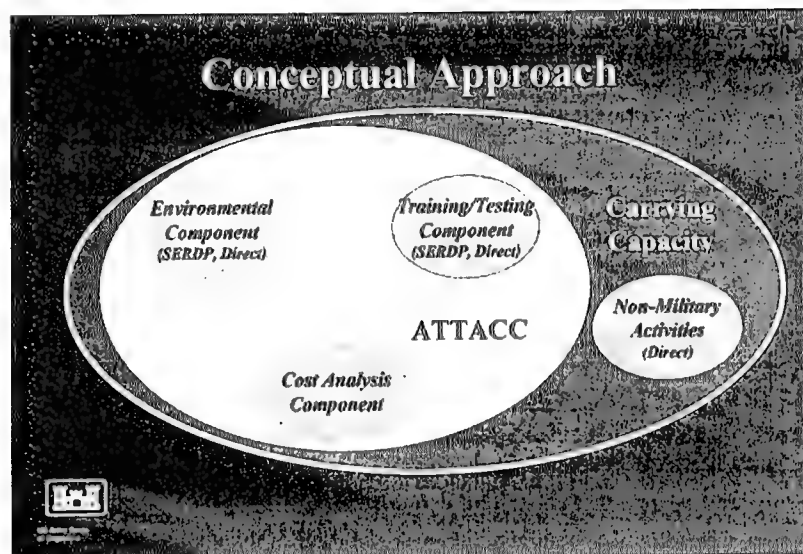
Investment

Maintenance and Rehabilitation

Pay Back

Training Capability Into the Future





Technical Approach

Improved measure of land condition

Water erosion

More accurate models

Erosion/sedimentation

Wind erosion

Plant species composition

Improved temporal/spatial scale

Incorporation of testing activities



Improved Water Erosion and Deposition Modeling

Current: Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation (RUSLE)

$ES = RKLSCP/T$

R: Climatic factor

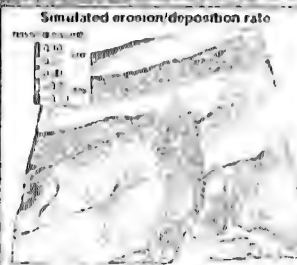
K: Soil Erodibility factor

LS: Topographic factor

C: Cover factor

P: Conservation factor

T: Soil loss tolerance factor



Proposed: Utilize the unit stream power approach to estimate the topographic factor (LS) in RUSLE. This will account for complex topography and predict sediment deposition. (BEPD 690, 1752 Test in Modeling and Soil Erosion Simulation)



Improved Water Erosion and Deposition Modeling

Accomplishments

Utilized RUSLE2 LS factor in ATTACC at Fort Hood, TX

Collaborating with USACERL direct funded project to implement technology into ArcView tool

Coordinating with USACERL AEG and USACERL WES funded validation studies

Future

Collaborating with WES to integrate ATTACC with CASC2D

Coordinating with USACERL WES funded validation studies



Wind Erosion

Current: Wind erosion not accounted for in ATTACC. Wind erosion identified as key unit of measure.

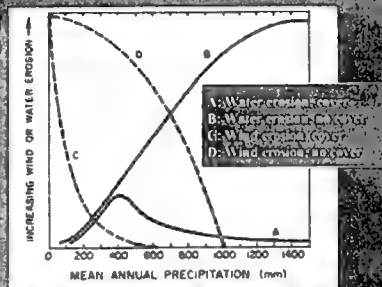
Proposed: Modify and incorporate wind erosion model into the ATTACC methodology.

Evaluate existing models (WEQ, RWEQ, WEPS, Others)

Develop mission/soil/climate interface

Incorporate into GIS

Validate model with field studies



Wind Erosion

Accomplishments

Evaluated existing models based on literature and model documentation (WEQ, RWEQ, WEPS, TEAMS, EPIC, Others)

Implementing subset of models at well documented agricultural site in Texas

Effort leveraged with USDA-ARS

Implementing subset of models at well documented military site. Effort leveraged with Fort Bliss, TX.

Attempting to support ATTACC WEAG effort

Future

Incorporate mission impacts interface to management component

Incorporate land repair practices into management component

Incorporate model into GIS

Validate model with field studies

Plant Species Composition

Current: Plant species composition was identified a critical unit of measure

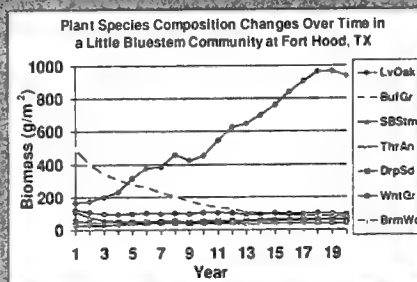
Proposed: Incorporate plant species composition

Utilize the Ecological Dynamics Simulation Model (UTEP-USACERL, NPGS-NPS, DoE)

Develop and incorporate a mission impacts submodel

Develop meaningful capacity standards

Validate model predictions



Plant Species Composition

Accomplishments:

- EDYS mission impacts component completed
- Collaborating with AEC/USACEERL funded validation study
- Collaborating with WES/USACEERL SMI integration of EDYS and CASC2D

Future:

- Develop meaningful capacity standards
- Incorporate plant success into land condition curve



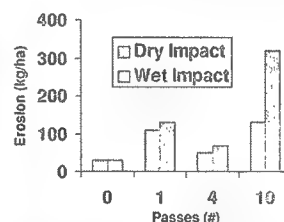
Temporal Scale Extension

Current: The current ATTRACC methodology does not account for seasonal variation in the probability and magnitude of environmental damage resulting from mission activities

Proposed: Modify method to account for annual climatic variation

- Develop time varying modified RUSLE factors using existing methodology
- Model climate/mission impact interactions from DoD impact studies
- Validate model with field validation trial study

Erosion Rates After Vehicle Impacts
Fort Hood TX



Spatial Scale Extension

Current: Military use distributions are estimated using field, GIS, and RS data. These distributions represent a historical annual use estimate. These distributions do not predict the impact footprint of individual events, new missions, or alternative scheduling scenarios.

Proposed: Land use activity will be estimated based on training and testing doctrine.

- Develop approach to capture mission doctrine to predict the distribution of military land use activities
- Demonstrate model



Predicted Land Use Distribution
Fort Riley, KS



Spatial Scale Extensions

Accomplishments:

Literature review of military systems completed.
Simulation system identified.
Simulation system augmented.
Preliminary footprints developed for unit activities.
Identified potential databases to validate approach.

Future:

Translate scheduling information into simulation scenarios.
Examine alternative methods to capture training doctrine.



Testing Land Carrying Capacity

Problem: Current carrying capacity models primarily based on training activities and do not adequately address testing activities.

Objective: To develop a testing carrying capacity methodology consistent with the existing training methodology.



Testing Land Carrying Capacity

Define a method to characterize testing activities in a manner consistent with training characterization.

Identify standard DoD systems, databases, models to characterize testing activities.

Provide models to predict environmental impacts associated with testing.

Estimate land repair and maintenance funding requirements.



Products

Products

- Improvements to the ATTACC model
- Technology Transfer
 - ATTACC Implementation
 - Potential AEC Dem/Val study
 - Technologies applicable to other modeling
 - Incorporation into the Land Management System (LMS)



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WIARS

Presenters: Jaimie Hebert, Scott Tweddale

Image Analysis in Support of TES

Image Analysis in Support of TES Habitat Monitoring

Objectives

1. Develop a web-based image analysis system that integrates tools necessary to perform image comparison and change assessment.
2. Test/validate capabilities through comparison of *WIARS* output with independent change assessment of TES habitat at Ft. Hood (CERL) and predicted changes from a transition matrix model at Ft. Stewart (ORNL).

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Ft. Hood POC
John Cornelius (Hood)

Funding Source
Congressional

Funding Level
\$800K (FY99)

Major FY99 Milestones

1. Develop, refine, and demonstrate *WIARS* (improve user interface, image registration and classification).
2. Demonstrate/validate *WIARS* capabilities using independent change assessments.



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Problem Statement

Many natural resource managers (NRM) are interested in using remote sensing/GIS packages to assist in the monitoring and maintenance of habitats on their installations.

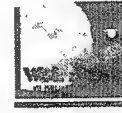
How to handle large data sets that are available in a wide variety of formats and often located at remote sites?

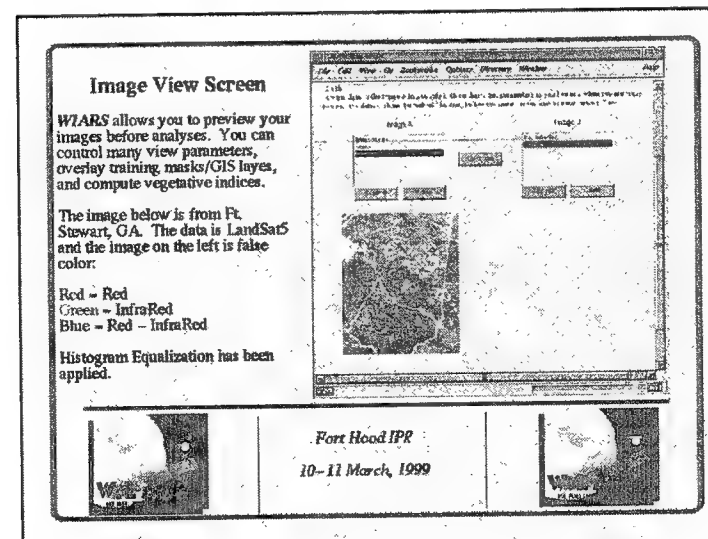
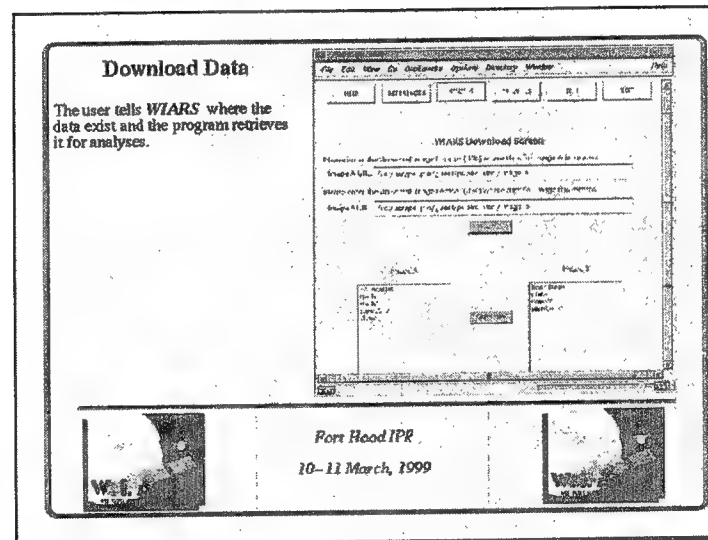
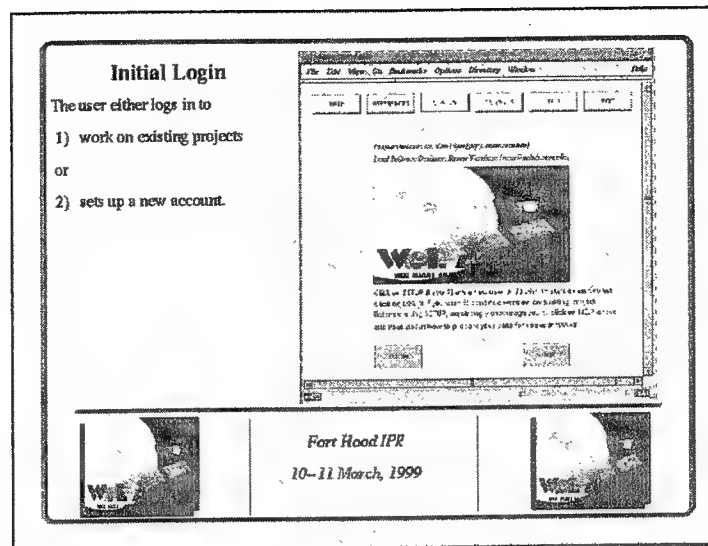
Problems encountered with remote sensing/GIS Packages include:

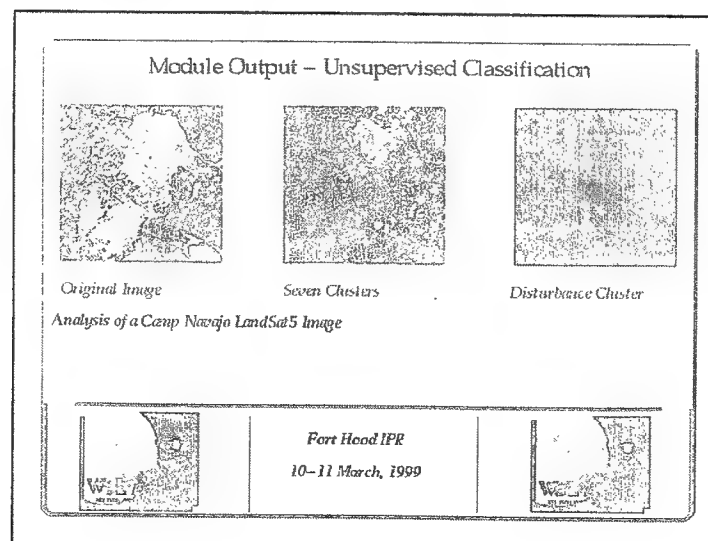
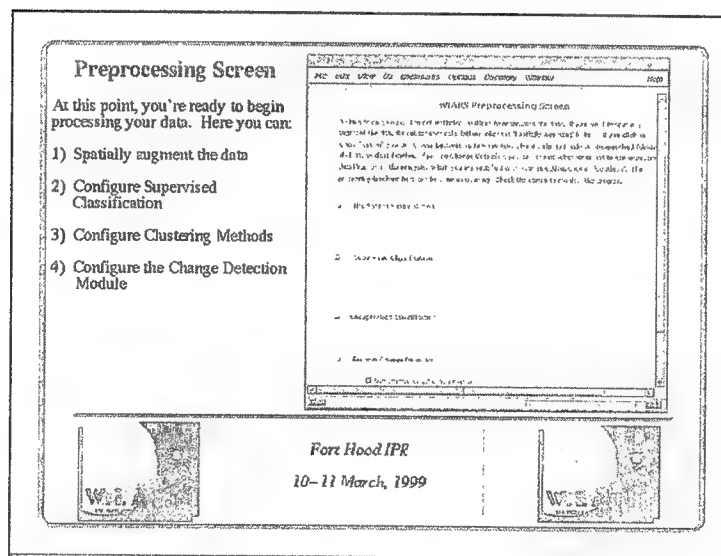
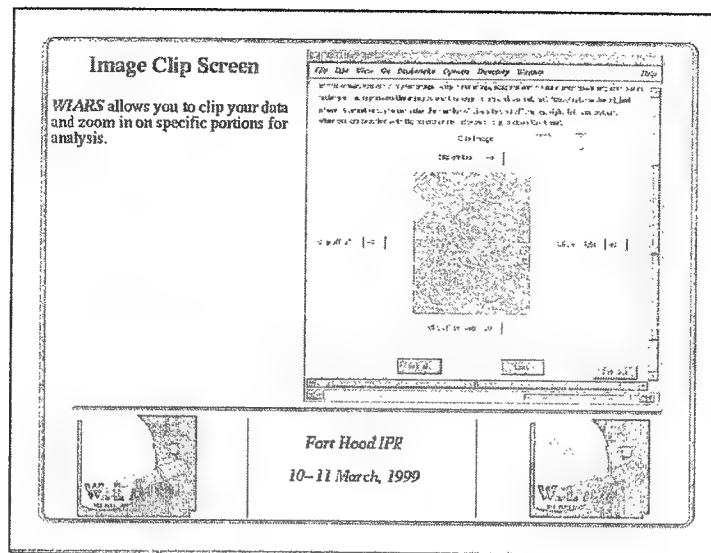
- Not designed with the NRM in mind.
- Lack of user-friendly interface.
- Lack important statistical tools.
- Do not provide easy access to data at remote locations.
- Technical Support is limited.
- Hardware requirements exceed NRM's resources.



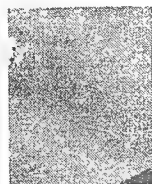
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Module Output – Change Detection/Assessment



Ft. Stewart GA, 6/92



Ft. Stewart, GA 3/94



50% Change Severity



99% Change Severity



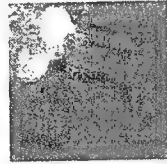
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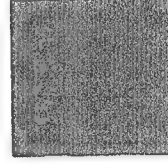
Module Output – Boundary Detection



Original image



Wavelet decomposition



Detected boundaries

Boundary Detection on a Ft. Navajo Landsat-5 Image



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Current Project Objectives

Note: A time line covering subtasks for each of these objectives was approved by ORNL (4 Jan 99).

1. Assessment of Algorithms and Program Flow
 - progressing according to timeline
 - demo by Peter Cooper
2. Upgrade Classification Capabilities
 - progressing according to timeline
 - algorithms developed and tested
3. Create and Integrate Image Registration Module
 - one month behind timeline due to software problems
 - algorithms identified and modified
4. Create and Integrate Object Detection Module
 - progressing according to timeline
 - anticipated delay due to software problems
5. Assessment/Enhancement of User Support Configuration
 - progressing according to timeline
 - will develop lead-in information screens for WIARS



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WIARS

Overview

Objectives

Class hierarchy

interface

management

Communications

Overview

Distributed application

Web oriented client

platform independent Server

Rationalize interface

Rationalize communications

Extend functionality

Ease extensions to functionality

Objectives

Analysis of program flow

Analysis of communications requirements

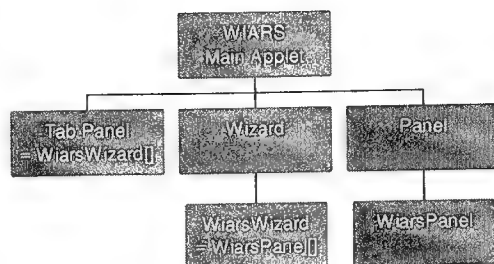
Analysis of resource requirements

RetroEngineer WIARS

Platform independence

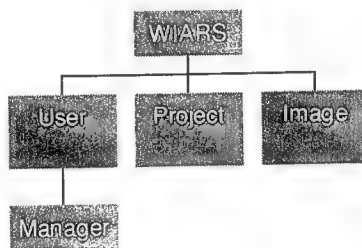
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WIARS Class Structure

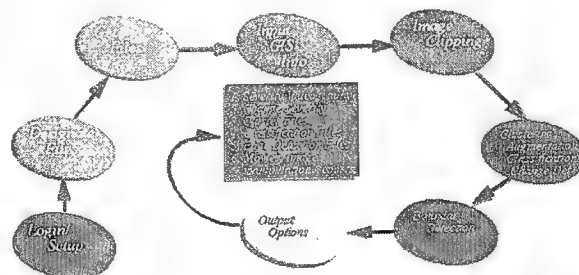


WIARS Client

WIARS Class Structure



Program Flow



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Analysis of Program Flow

- Program Structure
- Data Structures
- Data Flow

Communications

- User Object
- Project Object
- Image Object
- Control Information
- email
- ftp

Resource Requirements

- Data Storage Requirements
- Program size
- CPU cycles
 - Client
 - Server
- System Requirements
 - 4.0 Browser
 - Any platform

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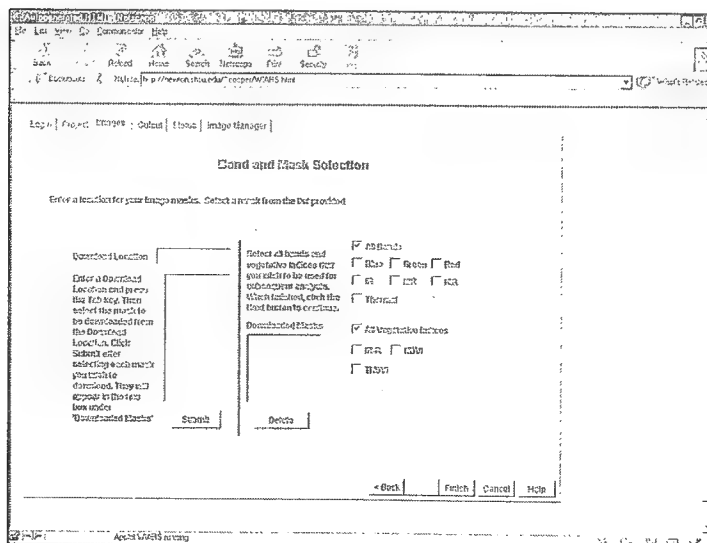
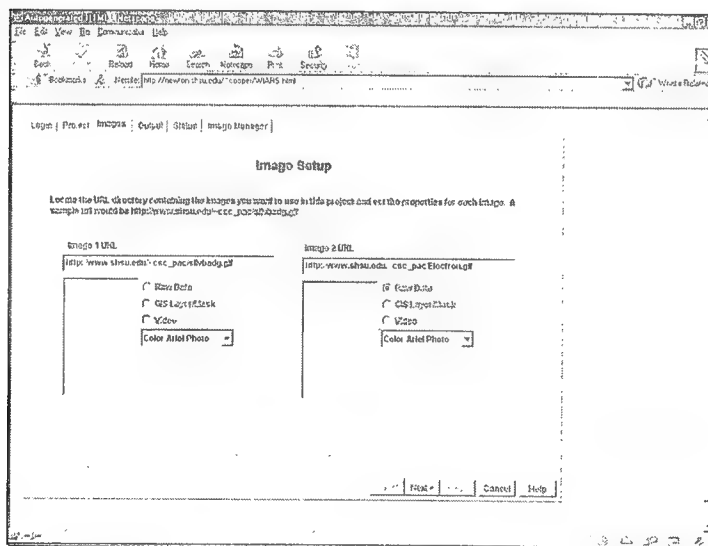
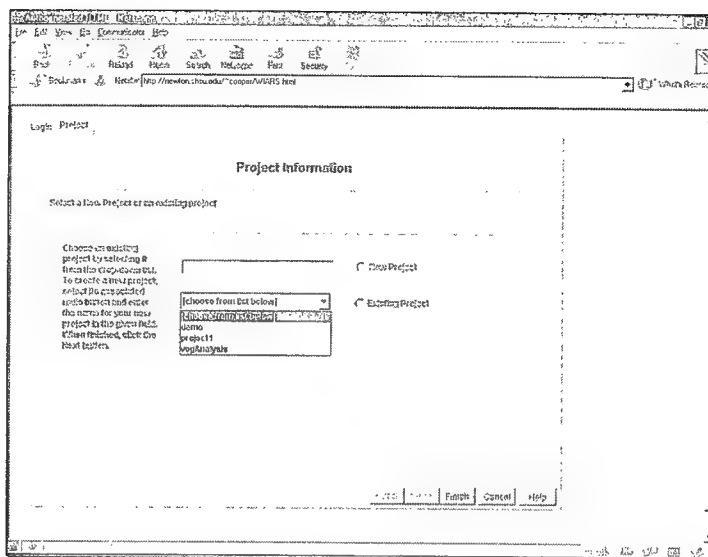
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Stream Stage Modeling

Presenters: Jeff Jorgeson, Mark Leipnik, Alan Anderson

Stream Stage / Soil Moisture Modeling

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Coastal and Hydraulics Laboratory

Dr. Mark Leipnik

Texas Research Institute for Environmental Studies
Sam Houston State University

Mr. Alan Anderson

U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center
Construction Engineering Research Laboratory

Objectives

- Demonstrate a system for monitoring and modeling stream stage and soil moisture conditions in real time.
- Provide a flood alert system for a critical low-water road crossing.

Performers

- Mr. Jeff Jorgeson - WES, CHL
- Dr. Mark Leipnik, SHSU, TRIES
- Mr. Alan Anderson, CERL
- Fort Hood POC - Mr. Emmet Gray

Project Funding

- SERDP
- Congressional
- RDT & E

Approach

- Install instrumentation for stream flow, sediment, soil moisture, and meteorology on 3 representative watersheds
- Model basins with the CASC2D watershed model
- Incorporate telemetered data into models
- Integrate radar data into models
- Provide soil moisture maps of basins

FY 1999 Milestones

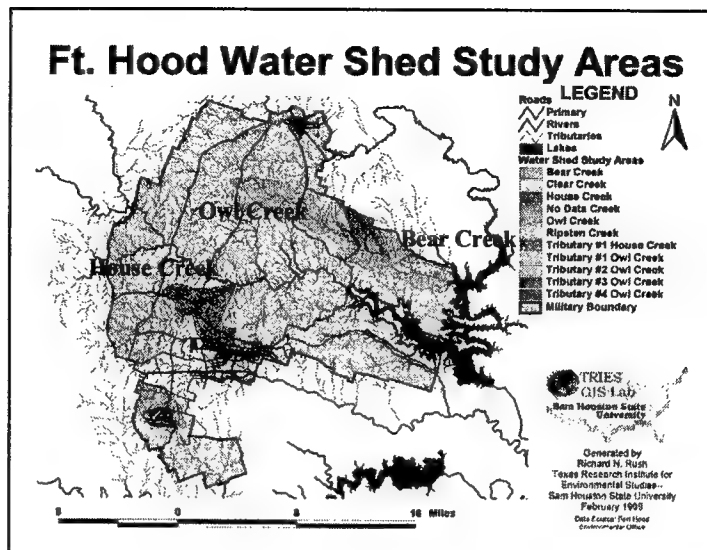
- Field data collection and analyses
- Model calibration and verification for stream stage and soil moisture to best available data
- Integration of real-time data with models

Project Steps

- Site selection/GIS based stream mapping
- Stream stage monitoring
- Groundwater/soil moisture monitoring
- Weather monitoring
- Flood alert system installation
- Modeling / data integration

Selection of Study Watersheds

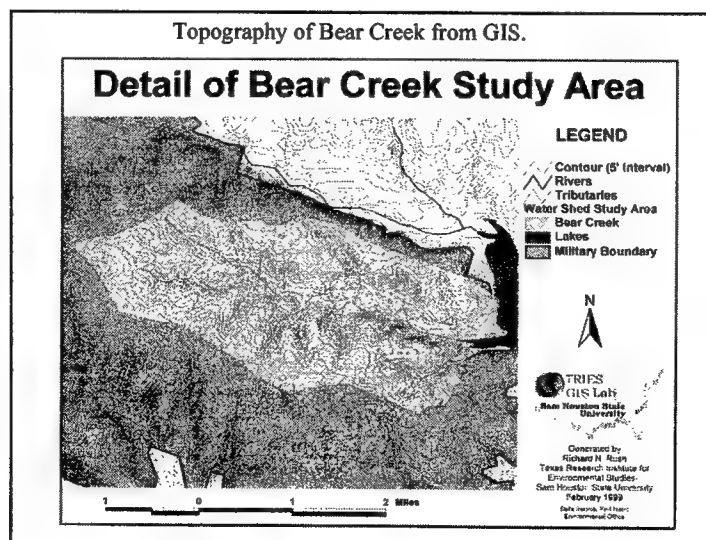
- Bear Creek Watershed
 - smallest watershed, flows to Lake Belton
- Owl Creek Watershed
 - medium sized watershed, gauge at East Range Road
- House Creek Watershed
 - largest of 3 watersheds, gauge at West Range Road



Bear Creek Watershed

- Bear Creek Watershed: smallest watershed, flows to Lake Belton.
- Protected from disturbance, due to endangered species & remoteness.
- Most difficult to monitor/telemeter due to lack of access, irregular cross-section and no utilities.
- Base-line for training impact analysis.

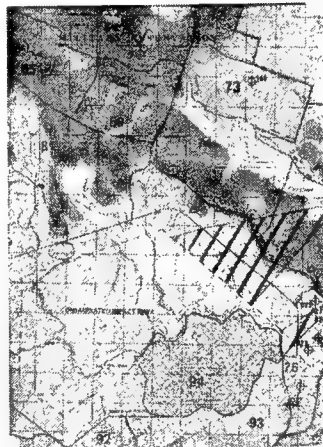
Topography of Bear Creek from GIS.



Owl Creek Watershed

- Moderate level of disturbance
- Limited tank training/some portions of basin in artillery impact/live fire areas
- Second largest watershed
- Intermediate flow

Live fire areas and impact zones are within basin.



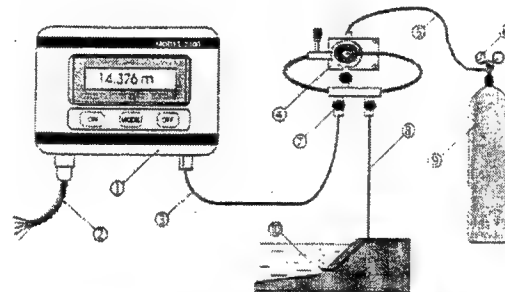
House Creek Watershed

- Greatest level of disturbance, tank training areas in basin
- Largest flow and watershed
- Subject to serious flooding
- Low-water crossing of public road (West Range Road) is a flood and safety hazard

Stream Stage Monitoring

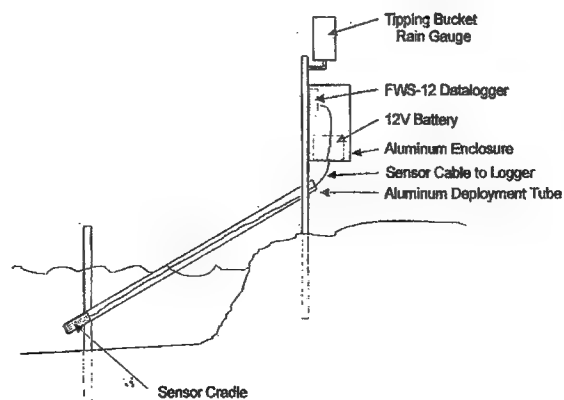
- Install stream stage monitoring stations using bubbler/pressure transducer gauges
- Real time water quality/turbidity monitoring
- Soil moisture monitoring
- Weather station
- All telemetered with solar power

Bubbler & Pressure transducer based stage monitoring set-up.



- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ① Model 2100 Gasline Level Sensor | ⑥ Gas bottle primary regulator |
| ② 2100 sensor cable assembly | ⑦ Isolation valve and manifold |
| ③ 2100 gas tubing assembly | ⑧ Main gas bubbler line |
| ④ Model HS-23 Dry Bubble Unit | ⑨ Dry nitrogen gas bottle |
| ⑤ Gas supply line | ⑩ Bubble orifice in water |

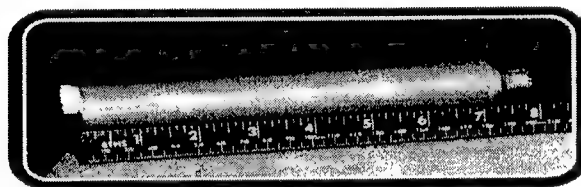
Gauging station design



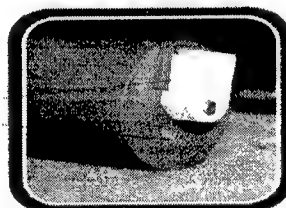
House Creek Gauging station site on outcropping behind bridge abutment.



In-situ turbidity sensors will be installed.



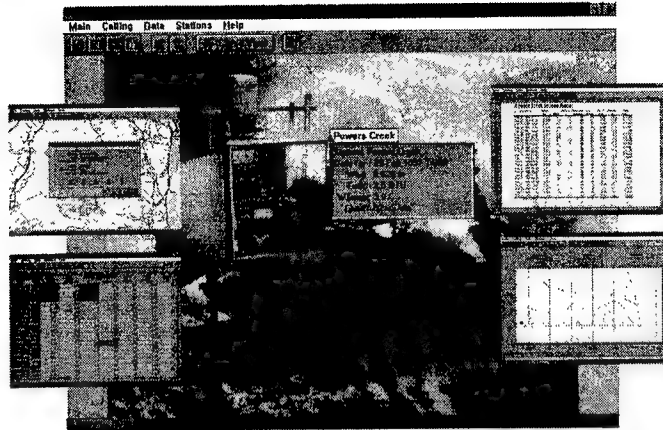
Close up shows wiper and lens.



Modems/cell phone telemetry & data loggers will be used to store and transmit data to terminal located at Ft. Hood and connected to internet.



Data analysis software for stage and weather data compatible with windows and accessible from the internet will be employed.



Stream Gauging Station & Monitoring Software.

Owl Creek
Cross-section
at gauging
station
location
(Side view).



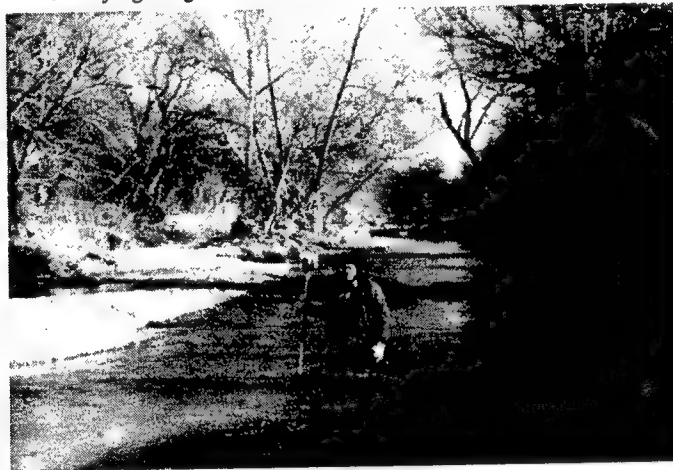
Owl Creek Cross-section at gauging station location.



Total Station
Based survey
of cross-section
& gradient
performed for
each site.



Surveying the gradient of bottom & water surface of House Creek

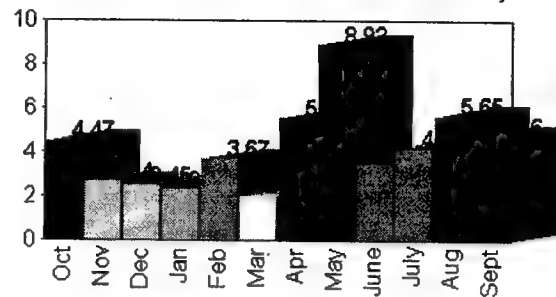


Weather Data Analysis and Monitoring

- Airfield has daily precipitation since 1960
- Maximum 24 hour storm can be calculated from this source
- 2 telemetered weather stations since 1994 provide hourly intensity data, spatial variation information

Historical data has been used to compute max. 24 hour precipitation.

24 Hour max precip by month (1960 - 1999 at Ft. Hood Airfield)

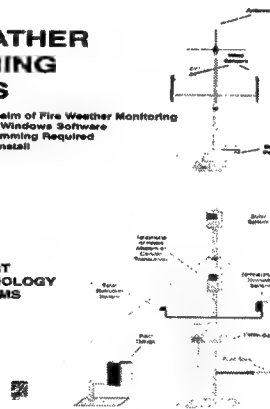


Two existing weather stations maintained by Base meteorological section will be supplemented with three more will provide rainfall Temp, humidity, wind speed & direction as well as fuel stick moisture.

FIRE WEATHER MONITORING STATIONS

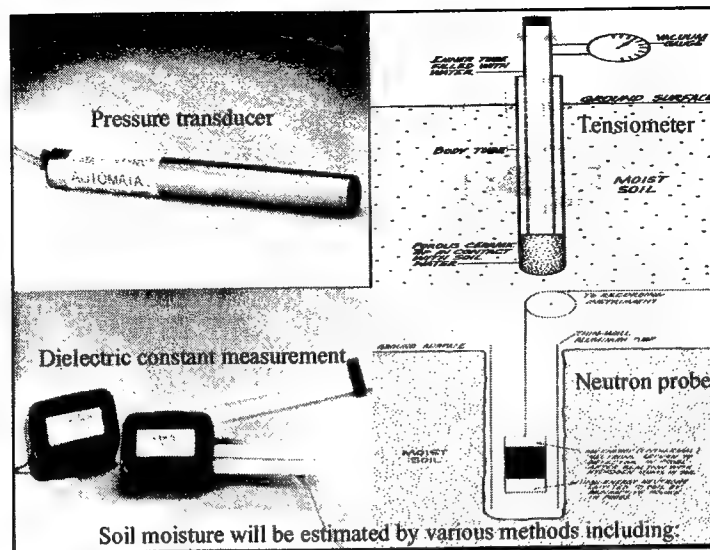
- FTS is the leader in realm of Fire Weather Monitoring
- Fire Weather Plus for Windows Software
- No Debugger Programming Required
- Stations are Easy To Install

FTS FOREST TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS



Soil Moisture/groundwater Monitoring

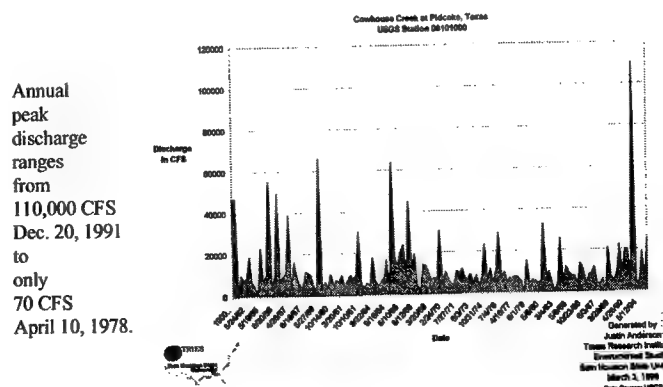
- Soil moisture/groundwater monitored at each basin in upland, mid-slope & riparian zones using:
 - Shallow monitoring wells with PT's
 - Tensiometers, dielectric constant & resistively soil moisture measurement
- Calibrated by neutron probe and lab. soils analysis



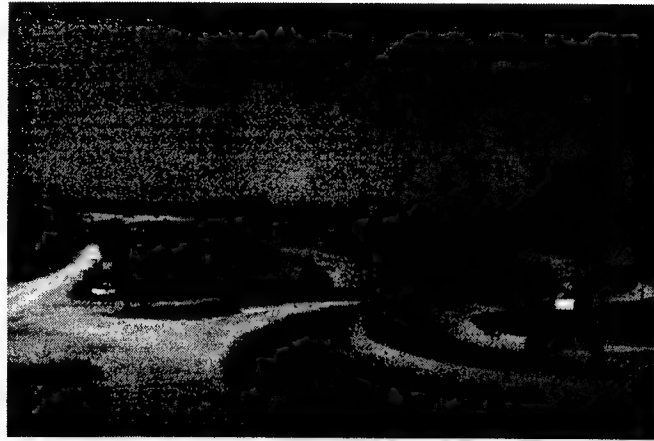
Ft. Hood Flood Alert system, Background:

- History: extreme variability and flash floods at less than 10 year intervals
- 7 fatalities at low water crossings (House Creek and Cow House Creek)
- 27 total flood fatalities 1942-present
- Major flood events in 57, 60, 66 & 92
- Flood estimates from Cow House Creek at Pidcoke and weather data

Peak annual discharge of Cow House Creek at Pidcoke 1900-1994



West Range Road crossing is down-stream
from old bridge and below stream banks.



Crossing
is two lane
without shoulder
or guard rail,
punctuated by
four culverts.



Flood debris in House Creek below West Range Road
crossing indicates floods over-top bridge structure periodically.



Flood Alert System Installation

- At Low water crossing of House Creek several fatalities have occurred in prior flood events.
- Warning system uses stream level sensor (PT) to trigger illuminated warning signs/lights on road.
- Also sends warning to MP's.

Watershed Modeling

- CASC2D Model
 - Distributed Watershed Model
 - Erosion / Sedimentation
 - Long Term Simulations
- Watershed Modeling System (WMS)
 - Extensive GIS Linkages
 - Weather Radar Data Support

CASC2D Overview

- Distributed, physically based watershed model
 - 2-D overland flow
 - 1-D channel flow
 - Green-Ampt infiltration
 - Long-term simulation and overland erosion options
- Current Research / Development
 - Surface Water - Groundwater Interaction
 - Improved Modeling of Hydraulic Structures
 - Automated Calibration Routines

CASC2D Data Requirements

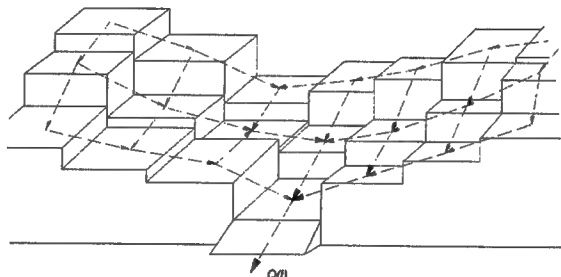
● Input Requirements

- Elevation
- Land Use
- Soil
- Channels
- Precipitation

● Output

- Outflow Hydrograph
- Net Erosion / Deposition
- Soil Moisture

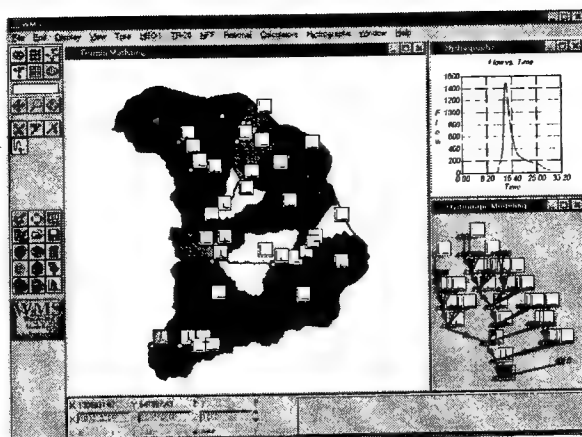
CASC2D Overland Flow



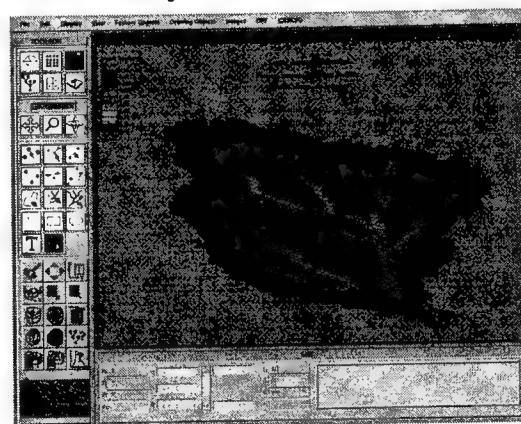
Watershed Modeling System (WMS) Overview

- Comprehensive system for watershed modeling
- Extensive GIS import / export capabilities
- Supports many watershed models
 - HEC-1
 - TR-20
 - CASC2D
 - HSPF
- Widely used for civil and military applications

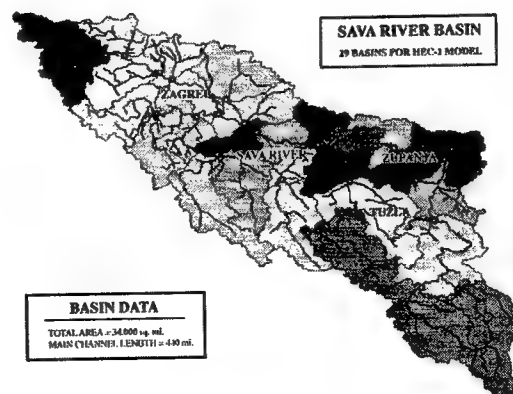
WMS Interface



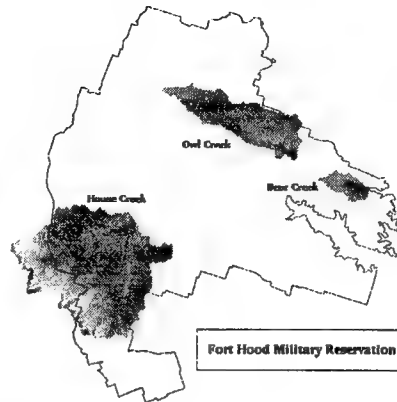
Military Training Lands



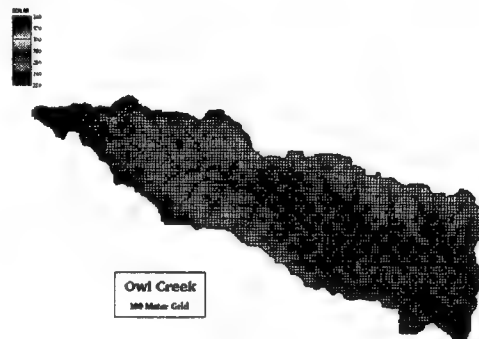
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Demonstration Watersheds

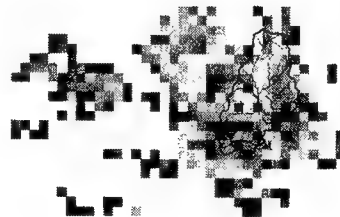


CASC2D Computational Grid



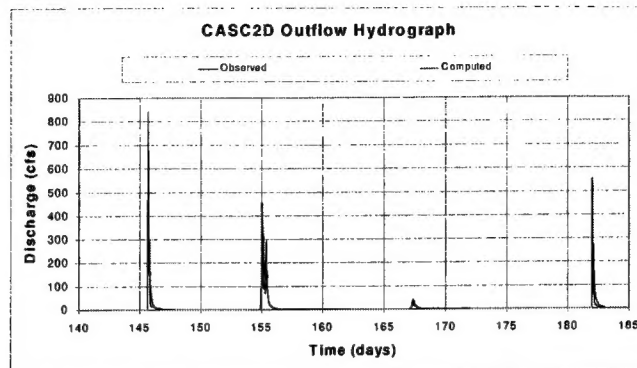
Radar Rainfall Data

Hourly radar
rainfall maps
available from
NWS



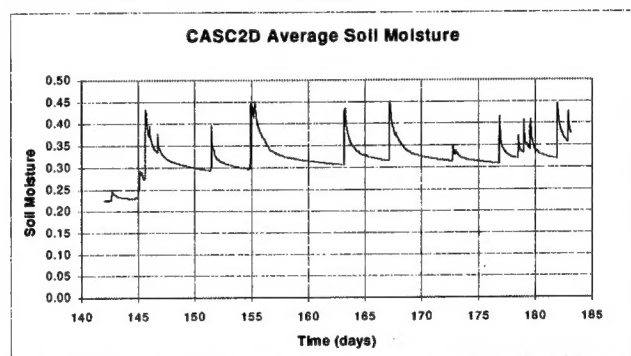
CASC2D Model Output

Discharge Hydrograph



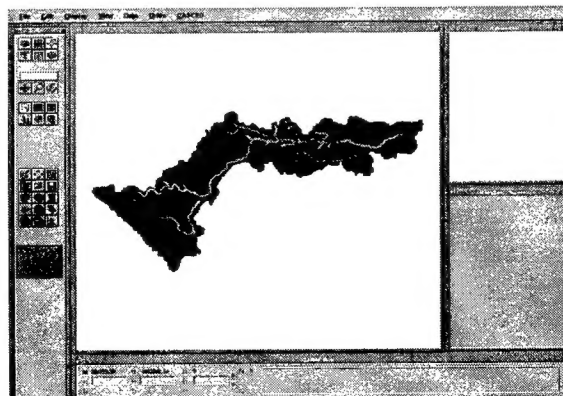
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Soil Moisture



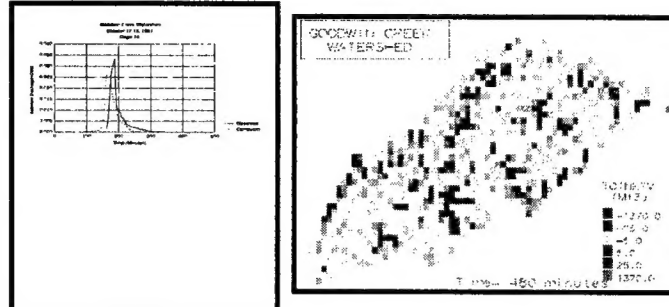
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Surface Water Depth



CASC2D Model Output

Erosion / Deposition



Current Status

- GIS data acquisition largely complete
- Gauging station sites selected
- Cross-sections and gradients mapped
- Analysis of existing stream stage and meteorological data underway
- Parameterization of CASC2D models underway
- Analysis of recurrence intervals, development of rating curves underway
- Next step: acquisition of equipment

Coordination Issues

- Coordination with base facilities management personnel is underway on connection of gauging stations to power & phone grid
- Coordination with traffic/PM on warning system design is underway
- Coordination with weather squadron is underway

Anticipated Results

- Installation of monitoring stations to provide high quality real-time data
- Estimates of probable maximum storm events, recurrence intervals and rating curves for each basin
- Watershed models capable of providing soil moisture estimates
- Linkage of models to real-time gage and radar data
- Installation of flood warning system

Opportunities for Continuation of Watershed/Flooding Research

- Incorporate new vegetation and digital terrain models into rainfall/run-off model
- Correlate data gathered at these sites in real-time with weather radar and NRCS monitoring efforts water quality data
- Install digital video cameras to allow web based viewing of flood events
- Improve model calibration with increased period of record for data collection

Web Based Courses

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DOD Conservation Web Site

- To provide a central location for useful web links to DOD conservation community
- To provide a vehicle to enroll in selected conservation training courses
- To provide information relevant to job performance in natural and cultural resources within DOD
- Completion date 4Qtr99 or 1Qtr00

DOD Conservation Web-Based Courses and Web Site

- Contracted with Texas Research Institute for Environmental Studies (TRIES)
- Managed by Army's Environmental Awareness Resource Center (EARC)
- Approval through Interservice Environmental Education Review Board (ISEERB) Conservation Subcommittee
- Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) provided by DOD components and Coast Guard

Biodiversity on Military Lands Non-Indigenous/Invasive Species

- Modular format
- Single module enrollment possible
- User-friendly design will accommodate variety of computers within DOD target audience
- Quick updates and changes possible
- Wider availability for more students
- Convenient training
- Completion 4Qtr99 or 1Qtr00